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Then, one above the other, come the five rooms occupied by the keepers and used for storage purposes, and then the watch room and finally the lantern. The tower being circular and space greatly in demand, naturally everything is made to conform, so that no room shall be lost. Even the beds on which the men sleep are curved, the tables against the walls are circular and the benches are half moon. Everything is round.

In this lighthouse there have been at least five well marked cases of insanity and others in which madness has been suspected, and the men relieved from duty. Experts in mental diseases who have made a study of conditions at the Minot Ledge light attribute the unusual prevalence of insanity there to its peculiar form of structure. There is no point, they say, on which the eye may rest, so it travels round and round

in a maddening whirl. They therefore suggest that some means be devised for filling the curves and producing corners and angles. In support of their theory they cite instances of men who have lost their mental balance during long confinement in circular prisons, but have quickly regained it on being transferred to an ordinary room of corners and

Baron Trenck spent much of his time in prison making marks and corners to break the circularity of his surroundings and keep his reason from slipping away on the whirl of encircling walls. Casanova, an Italian engineer who was imprisoned in a round tower, gives much the same testimony. He says he felt great mental relief on being moved to an ordinary square room.

As it is well nigh impossible to make much change in the form of the structure of the Minot Ledge lighthouse the number of men in charge of it has been increased to five, in order that they may have frequent leaves from duty and take turns in going ashore for a visit to family and friends. This system has resulted in a decrease in the number of cases of melancholia and

more serious mental disorders. In fact, but for the frequent changes made in the service by shifting men from one station to another the number of cases of this sort everywhere would be much greater than it is. In some cases a man is kept in a place for only a few months and then sent to some less isolated station for awhile.

To give the men something to think of other than their loneliness and to occupy the long hours during which they have nothing to do circulating libraries of fifty books each are provided. The books are carefully selected and changed every three months when the inspector makes his visit. In the collection are biography, history, travel, fiction, poetry, illustrated magazines and in some cases newspapers; also medicine chests are provided for relief in cases of sickness and careful directions given for the use of

their contents. Despite the dangers and hardships of lighthouse life there are many applicants for positions in them. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the service there is always a number of men to select from. And yet the pay is small. In fact, the law provides that the average compensation given keepers shall not exceed \$600 a year. Probably the best paid keeper in the service is the man at Hell Gate, who gets \$1,200 a year.-Chicago Chronicle.

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