

OREGON STATE INSANE ASYLUM, }
August 28th, 1863. }

DEAR GENTLEMAN :

In your local of this morning, you state that Andrew Hunter, alias Scotty, escaped from the Insane Asylum. You have been mistaken. He was discharged in consequence of his insanity being so slight and his moral tendencies so powerful, that our experience with him taught us the propriety of his case being dealt with in the State Penitentiary rather than in the State Insane Asylum.

It presents an example of that rare form of insanity, denominated "moral mania," which is now attracting the attention of psychologists, and it is still a matter of dispute amongst "experts" whether such cases should be treated in an Asylum or punished for their crimes or misdemeanors. Being in favor of pursuing the latter course, from my experience in "Scotty's case," I discharged him, somewhat improved, with the confidence that if he should commit some "overt act," he would in the future receive proper punishment in consequence.

Will you please rectify your error, and oblige yours, truly,
A. M. LORVEA,
Resident Physician.