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ELMER GATES DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

***Noted Psychologist, Succumbs at Age of Sixty-Four
—Had Resided Here Thirty Years.***

Elmer Gates, noted psychologist and resident of this city for the past thirty years, died yesterday morning following a four-month illness at his home, 2705 11th street. He was sixty-four years old.

Mr. Gates, the Son of Jacob and Phoebe (Goetz) Gates, was born in 1859, near Dayton, Ohio. He was educated in the common and normal schools, but mostly by private tutors, completing his education by taking special courses at several colleges. He married Miss Phoebe Edson of this city in 1895, and had lived here since that time.

During his scientific career he evolved a practical art of brain or mind building by systematic means, which causes an increase in the structural elements of the brain cells, fibers and whole nervous system, and increases mental capacity and skill. He also made numerous other discoveries in experimental psychology out of which he evolved an art of using the mind more efficiently in the processes of discovery, invention, education and right living.

Recently he accomplished an original work in electric meteorology, higher temperatures, and was credited with a number of successful electric mining inventions. He conducted laboratories for experimental research in psychology, psychurgy and in other sciences. These laboratories he worked in were at Chevy Chase Circle, and were given up about fifteen years ago.

He received recognition for his inventions with the double microscope, the attainment of the most nearly perfect vacuum and an improved loom. All his work was free from commercial gains and instituted merely for the advancement of science

He was professor of psychology at the Pennsylvania School of Industrial Art, Philadelphia, and at the Philadelphia Museum. He was a member of the Philosophical, Anthropological and Microsophical societies; the Mycological Club, Washington, D. C.; American Academy of Politics and Social Science, National Educational Association, American Microsophical Society, American Anthropological Association, London Society of Arts, Paris Institute of Psychology and the American Roentgen Ray Society. He was the author of several books, including one on psychurgy.

Funeral services will be private tomorrow afternoon at Wright's parlors 1337 10th street. Rev. U. G. B. Pierce of the All Souls' Unitarian Church will officiate. Interment will be in Glenwood cemetery.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Phoebe Edson Gates; three sons, Roger Gates of Suffern, N. Y.; Elmer Gates of Rochester, N. Y., and Donald Gates of this city, and a daughter Miss Phoebe Gates of this city.

[Editor's note: The mother, wife, and daughter of Elmer Gates all spelled their name "Phebe."]