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An image of Karen Horney [courtesy of Smithsonian Institution Archives].

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Karen Horney: Feminist Psychology or Factitious Ideologies?

The open critic of Sigmund Freud recently doubled down on her controversial views by publishing a paper titled, "The Genesis of the Castration Complex in Women" that challenges Freud's psychoanalytic theory. Horney proceeded to present this paper at the Seventh International Psychoanalytic Congress that transpired recently in Berlin. Despite generating controversy, she garnered a large audience and she confidently contradicted Freud's theories, one of which is the widely known theory of penis-envy. Horney declared that this foundational tenant of Freudian psychoanalytic theory is not key to the psychological development of women, and that women only envy the benefits accompanying the possession of a penis, and do not actually envy being a man. She insisted at this conference, that female development is isolated from male development, and that a novel discipline solely dedicated to female psychology is necessary. Although Freud was one of the chairs present at this conference, she continued to present her criticisms without balking, additionally saying that male realities of the world cannot be utilised to describe female psychology. She proclaimed that the male-dominated psychoanalytic theory harbours biases making it insufficient for the understanding of the psychology of women and to define their gender. Throughout her paper, Horney has coined the term, "feminist psychology", and has indicated her strong desire to diverge from what she believes is androcentrism within psychology. Her fellow academics and prominent psychoanalysts find her ideologies to be absurd, continuing to agree with Freudian views as of now. However, with the rise of women's rights movements, can we anticipate that feminist psychology will be taken seriously within the realm of psychology sometime in the future?

"Like all sciences and all valuations, the psychology of women has hitherto been considered only from the point of view of men" - Karen Horney

MIRACLE TREATMENT FOR DIABETES?

Has a sustainable and effective treatment finally arrived for diabetes?

The life expectancy of those with Type 1 diabetes is less than 1 year, and those with a slower onset of the disease (Type 2) experience an untimely death. With the most severe cases being detectable by frequent and large amounts of urine production, unquenchable thirst and sweet-tasting urine, the diagnoses and uncertainty around diabetes remained. 10 years ago, the root cause of this killer disease was discovered. The pancreas of diabetic patients is not able to process sugar or glucose due to it not producing the chemical, insulin. This causes the glucose to remain in the bloodstream, and its prolonged presence leads to a wide range of symptoms such as weight loss, blindness, leg infections and more. In a medical breakthrough on January 11th this year, a lucky 14-year-old named Leonard Thompson received insulin. This was the first successful administration of insulin in humans and allowed the near-death Thompson to make a full recovery within 24 hours of being given insulin. Thompson's high blood glucose levels dropped, nearing normal levels, becoming a beacon of promise for diabetic patients globally.



On left is Leonard Thompson, the first patient to receive insulin [taken by unknown]. On right is the first insulin treatment [taken by unknown].

Should we be Nervous About Boris Sidis' Newest Publication?

After Boris Sidis's contributions to the establishment of the Journal of Abnormal Psychology, he continues to astound psychologists with the release of his book titled, "Nervous Ills: Their Cause and Cure". A pioneer in the field of psychopathology, Sidis published this book with the intent of summarizing his previous work about the diagnosis and treatment of nervous disorders. Sidis mainly attributes human mental suffering and behavioural issues to the feeling of fear in this book. The topics covered range from descriptions of varying mental disorders to possible methods of treatment for them. Sidis was largely inspired to compose this novel due to the negative effects of World War I that he observed on the psychology and behaviours of individuals. Despite the insights provided in this book, his work remains highly critiqued, especially due to his opposition to the largely accepted Freudian psychology. Although Sidis provides an encyclopedic view on mental maladies, it remains to be seen whether this form of collective will be of use to clinicians and psychologists.

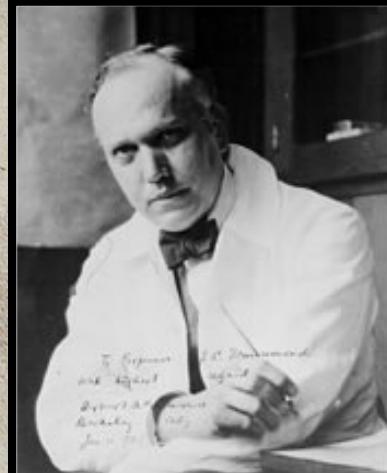
"When, however, the fear instinct becomes deranged by being too intense, and especially when reaching the extreme stage, the instinct becomes pathological, and its functioning leads to degeneration, destruction, and death"

-An excerpt from the *Nervous Ills: The Cause and Cure* (Chapter 3, pg 32)

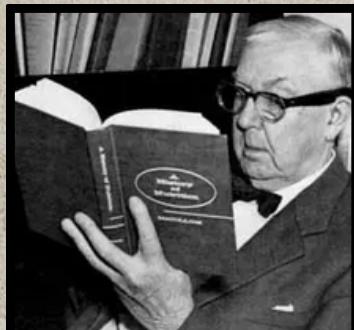
WANT A HEALTHY WIN? HAVE SOME VITAMINS!

It has recently been discovered that there are some vitamins necessary for our health that are hidden in plain sight! One of these include vitamin E, which was recently co-founded by Herbert McLean Evans and Scott Bishop. These two hard-working American scientists were able to detect the existence of this vitamin when they were conducting feeding experiments with rats. Throughout these experiments they noted that Vitamin E is a key micronutrient for human reproduction and in rats specifically, it is important for the production of healthy offspring. Their findings have even been given a stage within the Science magazine through an article titled "On the existence of a hitherto unrecognized dietary factor essential for reproduction".

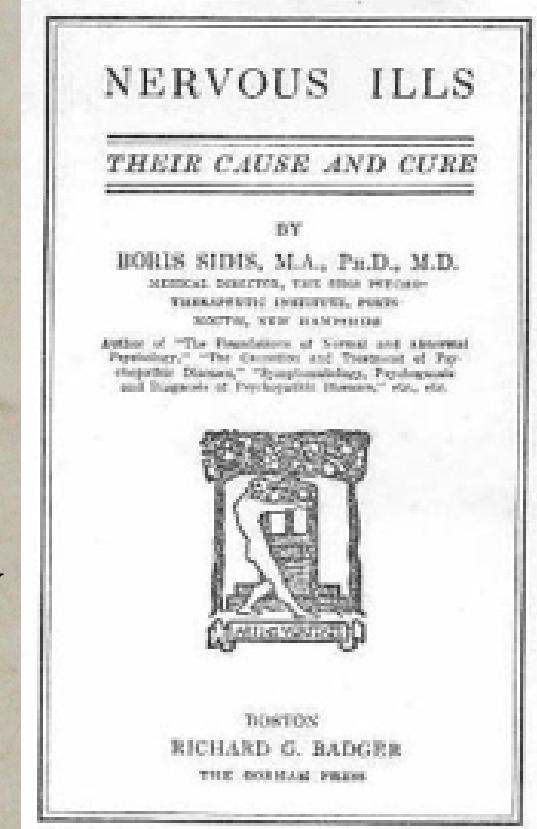
Coincidentally, this year, a team of scientists lead by the highly esteemed biochemist, Dr. Elmer McCollum, had uncovered another unknown vitamin, labelled as vitamin D. This vitamin evidently protects bone growth and contributes to the prevention of the devastating disease of rickets! Perhaps it is time for everyone to stock up on their vitamins now!



Herbert Evans and Kathrine Bishop, the scientists behind vitamin E discovery [taken by unknown].



Dr. Elmer McCollum, the biochemist that discovered vitamin D [taken by unknown].



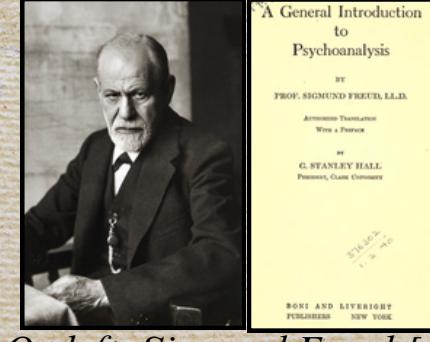
An image of "Nervous Ills: Their Cause and Cure" [taken by unknown].

READING CORNER! BRILLIANT PSYCHOLOGICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS YEAR:

Edward C. Tolman (American psychologist) published "A New Formula for Behaviourism" in Psychological Review, Vol 29, 22-53

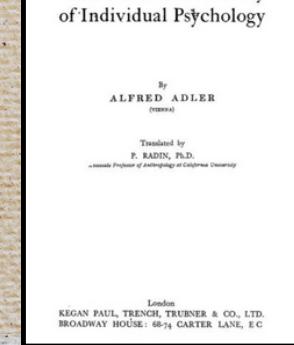


Edward C. Tolman [taken by unknown].

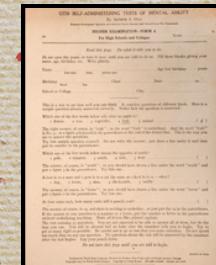


On left, Sigmund Freud [taken by unknown]. On right, "A General Introduction to Psychoanalysis" [taken by unknown].

Alfred Adler (Austrian psychologist and medic) published the novel, "The Practice and Theory of Individual Psychology"

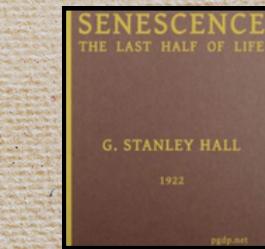


Alfred Adler's "The Practice and Theory of Individual Psychology" [taken by unknown].



Sample from Arthur Otis' book [taken by unknown].

G. Stanley Hall (American psychologist) released the novel, "Senescence: the last half of life"



Hall's "Senescence" [taken by unknown]

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Alfred Adler [taken by unknown].



Alfred Adler taking care of a child [taken by unknown].

A New Hope for Parents: First Child Guidance Center Opens

A Progressive Solution for Distressed Children?

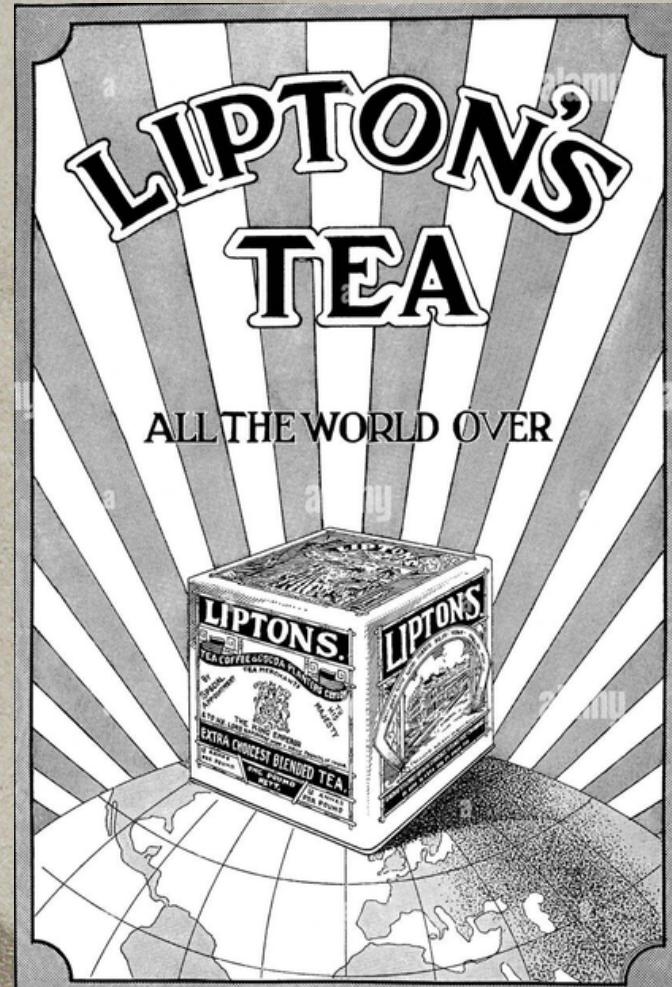
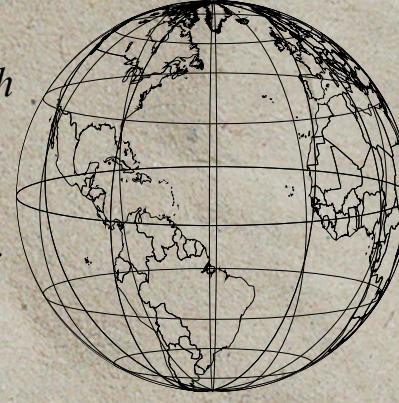
With the rise of behavioural, mental, and psychological disorders in children, parents have been feeling a sense of helplessness due to their inability to aid their kids. Luckily, medical doctor and psychotherapist, Alfred Adler's, ongoing efforts were working towards the development and establishment of the first child guidance center. Despite Adler's rocky separation and outspoken disagreement with Freudian psychology, he has overcome the initial ostracization and made influential advances within psychiatry. Adler organized the first child guidance center in Vienna, Austria, with the support of the Social Democratic Party of Austria. Adler had been directly inspired by witnessing the implications of World War I on children. In fact, this center was created immediately after Adler completed his service in the war as a physician where he observed an extensive number of psychological cases. Additionally, this child guidance center involves pedagogical guidance for teachers dealing with children that have mental issues, and educational reform for youth. Further, Adler is aiming to have his child guidance center get used as a preventative method for youth mental illness, by being able to identify early signs and work towards curated treatments for children. Not only is Adler attempting to utilise a novel institutional response, but he is the first to make this approach child-centered. We can hope that this introduction of a child guidance center leads to the efficient and effective treatment of youth mental issues and leads to many other similar centers opening up, to help children all across the world.

GLOBAL NEWS

THE RISE OF MUSSOLINI: NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED IN ITALY



Benito Mussolini with other Fascist Party leaders during the March on Rome [taken by unknown].



Who is Benito Mussolini and how did he come into power so quickly?

In October, Benito Mussolini became the youngest ever Prime Minister of Italy after leading the March on Rome. This organized insurrection and overthrowing of the government that was led by Prime Minister Luigi Facta, occurred over the span of approximately one week! No one was prepared to see 30,000 militants that were a part of Mussolini's National Fascist Party marching towards the center of government in Rome, demanding to transfer the control of Italy to Mussolini. Armed squads dressed in black shirts, symbolizing their role as Fascists, were on the streets. Fearing the outbreak of a civil war, the previous government allowed Mussolini to be successful in his efforts. It is yet to be seen what this truly means for the civilians of Italy.

FROM REVOLUTION TO UNION: WORLD'S NEWEST AND LARGEST COUNTRY

Insider view at the recent formation of the U.S.S.R

The first country in the world to be completely based on Marxist socialism formed this December. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) or the Soviet Union, is composed of a confederation of Russia, Belorussia, Ukraine, and Transcaucasian Federation, becoming a new community state in post-revolutionary Russia. The USSR is the successor to the previous Russian Empire and is currently being led by Vladimir Lenin. With the world's longest coastline and largest area, the USSR harbours immense diversity.

The Discovery of a Lifetime: Egyptian King's Tomb Found!

In November of this year British archeologist, Howard Carter, stumbled upon a completely intact tomb of the Egyptian King, Tutankhamun in the Valley of Kings, Egypt. Till date, this is the best-preserved tomb of a pharaoh ever found. When he was asked, "Can you see anything?", he had excitedly responded with, "Yes, wonderful things!", marking his discovery of the Tutankhamun's tomb.

Howard Carter with Tutankhamun's tomb [taken by unknown].



1922 Nobel Prize in Physics Awarded to Niels Bohr!

In October, the Danish physicist, Niels Henrik David Bohr was awarded the 1922 Nobel Prize in Physics due to his "services in the investigation of the structure of atoms and of the radiation emanating from them". What does this mean for the field of physics? Well, the foundational work Bohr completed has furthered the understanding of the atomic structure and contributed to the emerging field of quantum theory. His brilliance is one for the books!



On left is the Nobel Prize. On right is Niels Bohr accepting the Physics Nobel Prize [taken by unknown].

The Cable Act: A Reversal of the Expatriation Act of 1907

U.S. Congress have passed the Cable Act, otherwise known as the Married Women's Independent Nationality Act, allowing women who have married foreigners to retain their U.S. citizenship. This comes after upheaval over the Expatriation Act which had stated that a woman is required to assume her husband's nationality upon marriage. American men were able to lawfully keep their American nationality regardless of whether they married a foreigner prior to this new act and hence, the Cable Act is a step forward towards equality for women.



Shows couples in line to license their marriage before the Cable Act was passed [courtesy of the Library of Congress].

EXCITING ENTERTAINMENT

"INFORM, EDUCATE, AND ENTERTAIN" - England's New British Broadcasting Corporation

Daily radio broadcasting has begun by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). This follows after a group of wireless manufacturers decided to join together to supply England with news and other meaningful discussions.



The above represents the first day of recording on the BBC [taken by unknown].

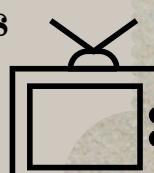
FIRST CIVILLIAN PSYCHOLOGIST HIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT!

The federal government recently hired a civilian psychologist named Lawrence J. O'Rourke, as the director of Personnel Research for the U.S. Civil Service Commission. Until O'Rourke, no psychologist had been regularly employed by the United States federal government.



Get your Garlic and Crosses Ready to Ward Off Dracula!

Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror, is a silent German film adaptation of Bram Stoker's novel, Dracula. This nightmare inducing movie has thus far been described as a hit!



Entertainment that's Digestible for the Whole Family! - Reader's Digest

Looking for something new to read? DeWitt Wallace and his wife, Lila Acheson have released the first issue of Reader's Digest, which encompasses a total of 31 articles, spanning across 64 pages! Reader's Digest includes interesting articles from everyone's favourite magazines and other stories from differing publications. Give the Reader's Digest a try!

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First publication of the "Reader's Digest" [taken by unknown].