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A Study In Herds: The Notebooks Of Dr. Oscar Antinous Alexander Benjamin Parlay

As part of the Random House Group's continuing commitment to digitising its historical collection of documents, we are proud to present a preview of the field journals, writings and ephemera of Dr. Oscar Parlay, to be published in full late in 2013.

These are facsimile scans of three selected pages from the diary and everyday book of noted anthropologist and traveller Oscar Parlay, a man famous for his discoveries and studies in the fields of ethnodentology, ethnolinguistics, and cultural relativism. Today is the twenty-year anniversary of Parlay's death, and to coincide with talks being given at the [Wellcome Trust](#) and [Hunterian Museum](#) in London, Random House is proud to release this rare, first-hand glimpse into the mind of a man at once brilliant and troubled, whose opinions distanced him from the emerging liberal schools in immigrant America of the late 1920s and 1930s, and who died with many of his ideas discredited, despite their extraordinary influence upon the field of anthropology.

These three pages of notes, designed to showcase Parlay's idiosyncratic style, were written in 1925, a year in which Parlay travelled extensively in the Indian Ocean, Southern Russia, and the Middle East, conducting dental cataloguing and more general writings about the nature of man and his place in the world.

Please check the Random House [website](#) for news of more of Parlay's writings, currently being digitised by a Random House partnership program.

Pain: severe. Poor health caused all travel, for people wanted to take the waters. It redirects the life.

ASOH

(15)

"I knew the creator by the contemplation of the creature"

AFINNANHNNAHNNAHMNAHNNAHNNAHNNMMMM

ref: 12A "Olga"'s dream formula

she repeats this every night, between 12.30am & 5.12am. The press of her lower jaw causes saliva build-up and quasi-perforation by 6.00am and she wakes.

such is the vagueness of things

arg. ref: 12a "Olga"

incisors

she grins up at me - why do I hate her so?

like Wellcome's mummy

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such is my shortcut to true understanding of these people.

size of incisors advantageous for hard starch diet

underbite so extreme & she struggles to chew in the morning.

Wellcome suggested that Olga and her people were monophyodont.

fig. 2

suspected inbreeding amongst Olga's ancestor's

no evidence.

Deciduous formula

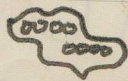
$$2(D_i \frac{3}{3} D_c \frac{1}{1} D_p \frac{3}{3})$$

for 12a "Olga"

$$\frac{2.3.2}{2.1.2}$$

= 28

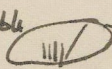
$2^n + 19 =$ multiple osteo-morphology issues.



? Agnar shifting.

15.6

18-64



Pain: moderate. It makes me retreat inwards. ASOH
It is good for my work.

HHH
HHH
HHH
11

Ref. 126 ВЛАДЛЕНА

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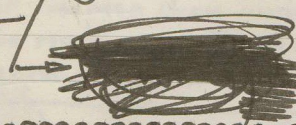
Dental Formula 1

→ Olga - 16

$$2(D_i \frac{0}{3} D_c \frac{0}{1} D_p \frac{3}{3}) = 20$$

→ lower number
due to advanced
age

a narrowing down of things to 4
see, do and eat.



HHMHAASNNNNRFFFFGRRHMMMMMMMMAAAAAAJSSS
LAAAAAAPNNNNNNNNNR

ВЛАДЛЕНА Dream Formula

clear regressive negative expression → childhood
trauma?

Olga showed me the new road that the government
laid. Nobody saw them. I worked at night.

- My boots crack off the mud as I step
there.

Ref. Fable

- There has been no solid ground beneath 12a "The Girl
my feet for weeks.

Cement

Who Cracked
The Curtains"

~~is~~ is too perfect a substance,
uncreated by us, reverse-engineered. Worse than
by some race no longer concerned animals
with colour - a weakness eradicated.

"Outsideness is the most popular factor in
understanding"

M.B

ASOH

(112e)

I have come to despise these people: they will not use the road given to them, and use it instead to throw slop onto; of course, the edges of the road curve, gravity remembers itself, and it flows back down to where it came from, under my feet. The elders believe that it is a river come again, as it has not rained here for as long as any of them can remember. Charms ensure that parts of life go on, but without water, much of their brains have begun to shut down. They are dying, and nothing can spread them. The men left weeks ago, taking whatever women they wanted. Olga is hid in the salting barrels. She made the joke, recorded below. Rituals demand a certain degree of immobility, and they will die here, except Olga. She does not seem to mind the physical defects of explorers and authors, the ones that I do not write about.

Her sister screams in the yard.

Every cry of fear is an admission of shame at not having contributed to biomass. It will wake the baby, I think, and

Я МОЛОДАЯ

(translation weak)
БЫ СЛЫШЕЛА
МЕНЯ, ЧТОБЫ

FACTS TO LEAVE BEHIND

- MOST ANTHROPOLOGISTS HAVE BEEN WARRIORS

- I AM NO WARRIOR

- OLGA IS TO BE BURIED WITH ME

- BEWARE OUR SMELL

It is not as sweet as it seems.

pref. Gods of all kinds.

Adoption is culturally basic - become the father of mankind before mankind has been created.