

COMMENTS ON HYSTERIA.

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A CEREBRAL-PATHOLOGICAL approach to the hysterical syndrome is presented in contrast to the biological and psychological approach. Hysterical motor and sensory disturbances are discussed, and the great group of the so-called organ hysterias are considered in the light of a typical case of hysterical visual disorders.

It will be demonstrated that the symptoms of hysteria and focal disorders depend on the same underlying mechanisms, and that in both cases the same general neuro-biological laws apply. Above all, both groups of disorder depend on the displacement of energy-quanta.

In the case of true hysteria, it is unnecessary to adopt a theory involving the idea of wish-fulfilment or teleology.