

The author distinguishes three main types, a delinquent type, an inadequate type, and a general incompatibility type. It appears that the type of reaction which the patient may have developed early in life is very persistent despite all ordinary efforts to change it.

The general conclusion is reached that the "psychopath" is one in whom strong demands are accompanied by feelings of inadequacy, inferiority, or insecurity, and in whom there develops a tendency to resort to one or more typical reaction patterns, all to be included in a general way under the terms tantrums, sulks and running away.

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*Pellagrous Insanity.* (*Amer. Journ. Psychiat.*, May, 1928.) Cooper, M. D.

In this short article the author reviews the ætiology of pellagra and discusses the psychoses associated with it from both mental and physical standpoints.

In dealing with treatment he recommends a well-balanced, full diet, rich in vitamin B; moderate doses of one of the arsenicals, *viz.*, soamin, sodium cacodylate or Fowler's solution; and, in some cases where there is marked confusion and agitation, spinal puncture with the removal of 15 to 20 c.c. of cerebro-spinal fluid. The use of thyroid extract as a means of therapy is referred to.

An interesting discussion follows the main article.

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*Finger-sucking and Accessory Movements in Early Infancy.* (*Amer. Journ. Psychiat.*, May, 1928.) Levy, D. M.

This paper is concerned with the ætiology of infantile finger-sucking and of certain other movements in association with it. The investigation is a lengthy one, in the course of which many cases, here recorded, have been examined. The ascertained facts are collated in a series of tables, and there is a full discussion of the possible conclusions which may be drawn.

Among his 26 conclusions the author states that the rational treatment of the phenomena is prophylactic—the use of methods to insure sufficient action of the lips during feeding.

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*Some Problems of the Functional Psychoses.* (*Amer. Journ. Psychiat.*, May, 1928.) Campbell, C. Macfie.

Dr. Macfie Campbell, in a Pasteur lecture delivered before the Institute of Medicine of Chicago in November, 1927, reviews some problems of the so-called "functional" psychoses, discussing the psychiatric point of view in general. He emphasizes the necessity for formulating the symptoms and course of these disorders with