

## HYSTERIA IN THE MALE

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A. B.—admitted to my private hospital January 23rd, 1917; occupation, bank clerk; age, twenty-three; born in Canada; father, Scotch; mother, Canadian.

*Family history.* Mother of decidedly nervous temperament. Her general health is fairly good, although she suffers at times from rheumatism. Present age about fifty-five. Father's health excellent. Two brothers (one at the front), both healthy. No sisters. The paternal grandfather, who was inclined to alcoholism was a weaver by trade. He was devoted to literature, chiefly philosophical, which he developed as a hobby, and his whole life became gradually absorbed in this occupation. His literary attainments were a source of great pride to his family. Patient's father and brothers all very temperate. The maternal grandfather said to have become senile at seventy.

*Previous history.* As a child he was afraid of the dark, and had violent fits of temper without sufficient cause. He began school (kindergarten) at three years of age and remained until five when he went to public school and passed entrance examination at eleven. The progress in his education which had been uncommonly rapid until this age, began to diminish quickly owing to a change in school so that he was obliged to spend two years in the first form of the high school. This he attributes to a difficulty in following the more advanced subjects which he could only grasp with much effort. During the third year progress was very slow. His eyesight at this time was defective but he felt he could not grasp the subjects as well as previously, although certain subjects he learned with uncommon ease. He left school in his sixteenth year as he was making no progress. He had been suspended for a month at a time for bad behaviour. During his twelfth year he learned to smoke cigarettes, and often played truant, etc. His school days after eleven years of age were filled with mischief of various kinds, and he frankly admits he deserved all he received