

obviously increases the sensitiveness of the person in question; every new section of environment that is incorporated into his ego adds a fresh group of possibilities for pleasant or unpleasant emotions; it becomes, as it were, a sentient antenna. As is well known, the sensitiveness of nervous invalids may at times be quite appalling; every trivial happening affects them in a personal way, and the slightest occurrence may bring about such an exacerbation of suffering that life seems impossible for them unless they are shielded to an artificially elaborate extent.

The most interesting introjective manifestations are those relating to the persons in the patient's environment. He transfers on to them various affects, love, hate, and so on, that arose, perhaps years before, in connection with quite other people, just as a child who has once been hurt by a doctor is for some time afterward fearful of every doctor he encounters. In order for this to happen there has only to be instituted the slightest resemblance between the original person and the present one; such a patient, having once intensely hated someone with a given characteristic, say red hair, will be ready to hate anyone he may afterwards meet who has the same characteristic. This tendency to live over again the same emotion in the presence of a person resembling one formerly associated with the emotion is called "transference," but Freud finds it convenient to restrict the term to the occasions on which the process happens in relation to the physician who is treating the case. Every physician who has had much experience with psycho-neurotic patients knows how variable, unreliable, and changeable is their attitude toward him; in fact, their "capriciousness" is generally notorious. On a slight change in his manner, or even apparently quite spontaneously, their attitude alters, trust is replaced by suspicion, gratitude by resentment, and so on, the extent of the alteration being out of all proportion to the exciting cause; for this reason they are to most physicians the most ungrateful, unsatisfactory and disliked of