
The aim of this series of cards is to facilitate the projective examination of children from a very early age up to maturity (roughly, from 5-18). Originating at the Institute of Education of Utrecht University, this test took more than 60 persons (designers, mathematicians, psychologists and educators) and a long period of time (1947—1967) to reach its present shape. The cards themselves, the Subdivision and Use of the Series, and Remarks on Projection, Maturity and Emancipation, are dealt with in the three chapters of the manual. A survey of responses relating to emancipation is added.

H. Adolf, Philadelphia


This volume is a collection of thirteen essays previously published in professional journals. Psychiatrist as well as philosopher, the author deals masterfully with psychopathological topics, such as hysteria, phobia, compulsion, with psychological phenomena like laughter, hypocrisy, the blasé, and excels where he develops his theory of personality, as in the article on dynamic equilibrium.

H. Adolf, Philadelphia


Based on a vast material (including 120,000 dreams) collected in twenty years of psychotherapeutic activity, the author develops with great lucidity the thesis that engrams, i. e. memories of psychic experience, reach back into the eighth month of intrauterine life and perhaps begin ab ovo. The theoretical importance of such findings is obvious. For the practitioner, the parent or educator they serve as a memen to and as a guideline in preventing neuroses. Impressive documentation is added in a series of pictures made by an artistic patient during the crises that resolved her compulsion neurosis.

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This is a German translation, by Mira Koffka, of the English original by the famous co-founder of Gestaltpsychologie. To be sure the 'Place of Value in a World of Facts' is a problem as relevant now as it was then (1938), and so is the author's attempted solution that the 'ought' corresponds to the forces in the field of physics. But it is regrettable that the literature of the intervening years has not been considered, except for Koehler's own contributions from 1949 to 1957. A classic as a whole, the book is thus outdated in some of its details. Lines 3 to 5 on top of page 139 are garbled.

H. Adolf, Philadelphia

Dr. JIROUT’S monograph on Pneumomyelography presents his experience in 2000 examinations over a 15-year period. The book is well organized with adequate historical, technical, and anatomical accounts of pneumomyelographs. The most convincing chapters on the usefulness of this procedure are related to lesions of the foramen magnum and cervical spine. Interesting and original observations are documented in the chapter on intraspinal malformations. The exactitude of the technique in the diagnosis of dorsal and lumbar disc disease and post-traumatic conditions does not seem to approach myelography using radioopaque materials. The use of line drawings in conjunction with the radiographs greatly enhances the value of interpretation for the reader. Radiologists owe a great deal to Dr. JIROUT for this detailed presentation.

B. NASHOLD, Durham, NC


In the present volume the anatomic relationship between pituitary gland and hypothalamus are outlined by F. ENGELHARDT, the cerebral lipids and proteins by H. DEBUCH and G. UHLENBRUCK, immunobiologic aspects also by the latter author, cerebral metabolism by W. THORN, vascular supply and oxygen uptake of the brain by H. HIRSCH and M. SCHNEIDER, and measurement of cerebral circulation by radioactive isotopes by O. WILCKE. The high Standard of this series is maintained and enhanced by excellent illustrations.

E. A. S.


The chief part of this book is reprinted from the author's 'Neurophysiology of Postural Mechanisms'. It deals with properties of muscles, neuromuscular electrical activity, synapses, sensory discrimination, the muscle spindle and the stretch reflex. The autonomie system and pharmacological aspects are omitted. This text should be useful as an introduction into this complex field.

E. A. S.


Among the papers presented, there are of special interest histochemical studies (FRIEDE), enzyme studies (BLANK), the influence of metabolic diseases (PFIEFFER), electron microscopic studies (HAGER, ULE), interference microscopic studies (SEM-BUNDT), protein synthesis in experimental cerebral edema (KLETHUS), late roentgen-ologie effects (HARDER), and radiographic studies (NOETZL et al., KREUTZBERG.).

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Book Reviews


The text deals with classification and pathology of primary brain tumors and a new field of pathology described with the aid of the electron microscope. Spon-taneous neoplasms of the nervous system in animals as well as tissue culture of human gliomas and their metabolism are well presented. The diagnostic value of air studies, angiography and radioisotope scanning are discussed by G. DiCHTRO. The book is of primary interest to neuropathologists as well as neurosurgeons.

H. T. WYCIS, Philadelphia

News

At the next meeting of the Society of Biological Psychiatry May 8-10, 1970, San Francisco, two awaras and a gold medal award will be given. Send nominations and manuscripts to Dr. W. HIMWICH, Galesburg Research Hospital, Galesburg, Ill. 61401, USA.

The Illrd Pan American Congress of Neurology will be held in Sao Paulo, S. P., Brazil, 1971. Inquiries may be addressed to Dr. J. ARMBRUST-FIGUEREIDO, Caixa Postal 5496, Sao Paulo, S. P., Brazil.

During the meetings of the World Congresses of Neurological Sciences held in New York City, the International Society for Research in Stereoecephalotomy had its 4th Symposium. E. A. SprEGEL delivered the presidential address on The Impact of Stereoecephalotomy on the Physiology of the Human Subcortex. On his retire-ment after eight years in office, he was presented a Festschrift edited by H. T. WY-Cis to wMeh over 20 outstanding scientists from 12 countries had contributed. The society established an Ernest A. Spiegel lecture to be given at its meetings and an E. A. Spiegel medal to be awarded to the invited lecturer. The first golden medal was presented to Dr. Spiegel by Prof. T. RIECHERT (Freiburg, Germany) in recogni-tion of his scientific achievements, particularly the initiation of human stereotaxic surgery, and his efforts in organizing, together with WYCIS, this International SocietyMK1961.

The Second Annual Cerebral Function Symposium, Drugs and Cerebral Function, will be held June 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1970 at the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado. Registration: $ 125.00.

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