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ANALYZE THE HISTORY AND IMPACT OF HYSTERIA

Hysteria was once a common diagnosis to explain everything from general emotional expression to severe depression and even criminal behavior. Search *British Library Newspapers* to discover how this label impacted medical treatment and social perception of women for generations.
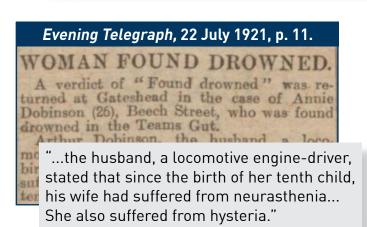
Blackburn Standard, 5 Aug. 1893, p. 7.

ABOUT HYSTERIA.

In a short article on this prevalent and mysterious

"**imperfect power to control the emotional functions**... in many cases [due] to **a want of will-power**."

"...distinguish between the 'hysterical fit,'... and the **many deceptive acts perpetrated by silly women**..."
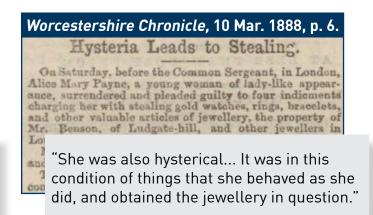
"When a woman is hysterical the first thing to do is **remove sympathising friends**..."
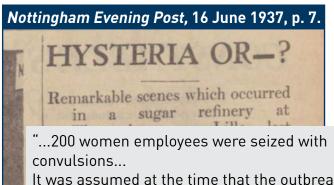
Shields Daily Gazette, 7 Aug. 1882, p. 4.

HYSTERIC SLEEPERS.

The famous sleeping girl of the Beaujon has awoke at last, on the 73rd day after her long slumber began ; and the case has now passed out of the hands of the mere purveyors of sensational paragraphs into those of the

"...awoke at last, on the 73rd day after her long slumber began...
As for the causes of this malady... they are explained as hysteric in their character..."

Worcestershire Chronicle, 10 Mar. 1888, p. 6.

Hysteria Leads to Stealing.

On Saturday, before the Common Sergeant, in London, Alice Mary Payne, a young woman of lady-like appearance, surrendered and pleaded guilty to four indictments charging her with stealing gold watches, rings, bracelets, and other valuable articles of jewellery, the property of Mr. Benson, of Ludgate-hill, and other jewellers in Lo

"She was also hysterical... It was in this condition of things that she behaved as she did, and obtained the jewellery in question."

Evening Telegraph, 22 July 1921, p. 11.

WOMAN FOUND DROWNED.

A verdict of "Found drowned" was returned at Gateshead in the case of Annie Dobinson (26), Beech Street, who was found drowned in the Teams Gut. Arthur Dobinson, the husband, a loco-

"...the husband, a locomotive engine-driver, stated that since the birth of her tenth child, his wife had suffered from neurasthenia... She also suffered from hysteria."

Nottingham Evening Post, 16 June 1937, p. 7.

HYSTERIA OR—?

Remarkable scenes which occurred in a sugar refinery at

"...200 women employees were seized with convulsions...
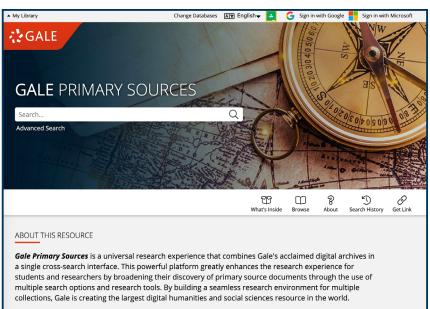It was assumed at the time that the outbreak was probably due to mass hysteria..."

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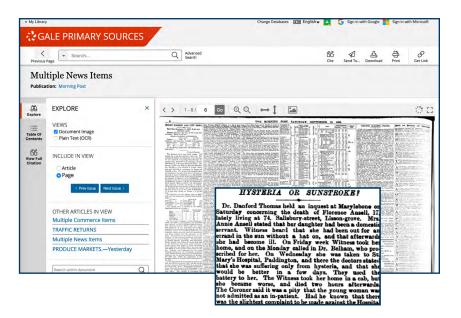Narrow search results by selecting from **Filter Your Results** options. **Term Clusters** generates a visual representation of your search by topic and subtopic. **Term Frequency** graphs the occurence of a term within your results over time.

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