BRAIN THE HUMAN CPU

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BRAIN AS AN INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM











BRAIN FUNCTIONS LOCALIZED OR AGGREGATED







Franz Joseph Gall and the Origins of Phrenology

PHRENOLOGY CHARACTERS



GOOD WIFE



GOSSIP MONGER



WEAK SPIRITED



QUICK TEMPER



RESPEC

The Improbable Tale of PHINEAS GAGE

Mr. Phineas Gage may well be the most famous clinical subject in neuroanatomy. A foreman on the New England railroads in the 19th Century, Gage, at age 25, was pierced through the head with a 13-pound tamping iron while preparing a railroad bed in Vermont. The rod went straight through Gage's skull and landed several yards away. Although the front left portion of Gage's brain was effectively destroyed, he was still able to talk and move with relative ease.





"he was not onger Gage."

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HORRIBLE ACCIDENT. — Phineas P. Gage, a foreman on the Rutland Railroad at Cavendish, Vt., was preparing for a blast on Wednesday last, when the powder exploded, carrying through his head an iron instrument, an inch and a fourth in circumference, and three feet and eight inches in length.— The iron entered on the side of his face, shattering the upper jaw, and passing back of the left eye, and out at the top of his head. Singularly enough, he was alive at two o'clock the next afternoon, in full possession of his reason, and free from pain.

The skull, Gage's head cast at the Warren Museum Exhibition Gallery at the Countway Library of Medicine, Harvard University. IT'STER

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Fig. 3 [The speech areas and their connections. The "a" near the Sylvian fissure should have been designated "a,".]

Carl Wernicke











PARIETAL LOBE

FRONTAL LOBE

TEMPORAL LOBE

OCCIPITAL LOBE

Cerebral cortex

- Localizes and interprets sensory inputs
- Controls voluntary and skills skeletal muscle activity
- Acts in intellectual and emotional processing



Higher-ordered

visual area

Primary visual area

OCCIPITAL LOBE

The occipital lobe is the major visual processing center in the brain. The 1° visual cortex receives visual information and relays to several 2° visual processing areas, which interpret depth, distance, location and the identity of seen objects.

Areas in the parietal lobe are responsible for integrating sensory information, including touch, temperature, pressure and pain. osterior

area

Somatic Sensory Cortex Higher-Ordered Somatic Sensory Cortices

SOMATIC SENSATION – SOMATOTROPIC MAP

The temporal lobe contains regions dedicated to processing sensory information, particularly important for hearing, recognizing language, and forming memories.

Auditory area

Higher-ordered visual area

Language comprehension area

Hippocampus

- Memory formation
- Emotions
- Motivation

FRONTAL LOBE

The frontal lobe is generally where higher executive functions including emotional regulation, planning, reasoning and problem solving occur.

PRECENTRAL GYRUS Primary Motor Area

Cortices

The Limbic System

- Include cerebral and diencephalon structures (e.g. hypothalamus, anterior thalamic nuclei)
- Mediates emotional response; involved in memory formation

Hypothalamus

- Chief integration center of an autonomic nervous system
- Regulates body temperature, food intake water balance, and thirst
- Regulates hormonal output of anterior pituitary gland and acts as an endocrine organ (producing ADH and oxytocin)

Hearing the word "VIOLIN"

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