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The English doctor Nathaniel E. Yorke-Davis frequently consulted with the person who had this attribute. After this quality became more manageable, its possessor took a trip to Alaska and began using a cane made from 250,000 year old petrified wood. Justice Brewer concealed a quip about this quality in a compliment praising a man for giving up his seat in a street-car to (\*) three ladies. Perhaps the most famous anecdote about this attribute relates that the person who possessed it once got stuck in a bathtub. For 10 points, name this unpleasant physical attribute of the president who succeeded Theodore Roosevelt.  
ANSWER: William Howard Taft's obesity

The possessor of this attribute dispensed some advice pertaining to it in a letter to Cadwallader Colden. Charles Wilson Peale painted an event that took place in London and resulted from this attribute. The possessor of this attribute leveraged it for diplomatic purposes during his stint as the first US Ambassador to France. Because of this attribute, a future Loyalist with the first name (\*) William was born. The possessor of this attribute infamously stated that he preferred older ladies to younger ones because there was no risk of them getting pregnant. For 10 points, name this salacious attribute of a bespectacled Founding Father.  
ANSWER: Ben Franklin being horny [or Ben Franklin being a man-whore; or Ben Franklin being a hit with the ladies]

Richard Hack's biography *Puppetmaster* seems to deny the existence of this quality of a particular person. A movie which focuses a lot on this attribute contains a scene before this quality is fully realized, in which its possessor shows Helen Gundy the card catalog system at the Library of Congress. In a 1978 interview, Ethel Merman claimed that "everybody knew" about this attribute. Truman Capote's quip "Johnny and Clyde," in reference to the assistant (\*) Clyde Tolson, provoked the possessor of this attribute. Many people claimed that the possessor of this attribute attended sex parties together with Roy Cohn. For 10 points, name this attribute probably possessed by the first FBI director.  
ANSWER: J Edgar Hoover being gay [or J Edgar Hoover's homosexuality; or J Edgar Hoover being not entirely straight]

Because of this attribute, its possessor often shielded his eyes when watching films gifted to him by a Maharaja. Erich Fromm hypothesized that this attribute arose out of guilt for the suicide of the possessor's half-niece Geli Raubal. The dietician Marlene von Exner and the physician Theodor Morell enjoyed fucking with the possessor of this attribute. Martin Bormann had a (\*) greenhouse built near Berghof to appease the possessor this attribute. The possessor of this attribute teased Eva Braun for wearing makeup since he hated what cosmetics were made out of. For 10 points, name this attribute of a Holocaust architect that one can invoke in arguments with people who don't eat meat.  
ANSWER: Adolf Hitler being a vegetarian [or Adolf Hitler loving animals]

The Simpsons episode “\$pringfield” parodies this attribute by having Mr. Burns develop it after starting his own casino. The possessor of this attribute placed a pink napkin over his genitals, had the movie *Ice Station Zebra* running on a continuous loop, used a fork to sort peas by size, wrote a lengthy memorandum about a seam in Jane Russell’s blouses, ate only (\*) chocolate and chicken, drank only milk, purchased all the four star hotels and restaurant chains in Texas, used tissues to pick up objects due to an extreme fear of germs, and, most infamously, kept jars of his own urine. For 10 points, name this quality of a hermit aviator-director.

ANSWER: Howard Hughes being fucking insane

This attribute led its possessor to encounter Leo Africanus, an event recounted in the book *Per Amica Silentia Lunae*. The possessor of this attribute took the motto “Daemon est Deus inversus.” Along with his wife Georgie Hyde-Lees, the possessor of this attribute worked with a shadowy group of figures known as the “Instructors.” WH Auden hated this attribute, bemoaning the “deplorable spectacle of a grown man” occupying himself with people like Mohini Chatterjee. Despite getting her to join Golden Dawn, the possessor of this attribute still couldn’t convince (\*) Maud Gonne to sleep with him. This attribute led its possessor to develop an extensive theory of gyres, namely about how we’re turning and turning in a widening one. For 10 points, name this fascination for things like seances possessed by the writer of “The Second Coming.”

ANSWER: William Butler Yeats being really into the occult

The possessor of this attribute once impressed Shelley Winters and her flatmate Marilyn Monroe with it, but did not amuse Charlie Chaplin, who kicked him out of his mansion. After escaping the specter of this attribute of a specific person, Caitlin Macnamara penned the memoir *Leftover Life to Kill*. It was a huge dose of morphine administered for a severe case of pneumonia that killed the possessor of this quality at age (\*) 39, rather than this quality itself. During a rehearsal for his play *Under Milk Wood*, the possessor of this attribute vomited profusely. For 10 points, name this attribute whose possessor took his own precept of “rage, rage against the dying of the light” a little too seriously, ruining his liver.

ANSWER: Dylan Thomas’s alcoholism

According to a misattributed story, this quality was used to explain that a preacher’s sermon was against sin. This quality really helped the delivery of its possessor during his visit to a chicken farm. This attribute probably boosted the memorability of its possessor’s response to the (\*) Boston police strike. In the most famous story about this attribute, its possessor informed a woman that she lost a bet by saying “You lose.” For 10 points, name this attribute that inspired the nickname “Silent Cal” for the president who possessed it.

ANSWER: Calvin Coolidge being taciturn