Jean-Baptiste CHARCOT

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He was born in Neuilly-Sur-Seine in July the 15th 1867.
JB Charcot was a French polar scientist and a medical doctor.
His father, Jean-Martin CHARCOT, was born in 1825 and he died in 1893 of a lung oedema.
JM Charcot was a neurologist.

Jean-martin Charcot

JB Charcot was appointed leader of the French Antarctic expedition, then he was exploring the Bellingshausen Sea and the Amundsen Sea and after that discovering Loubet land, Marguerite bay and an island which he gave his name « Charcot island ».
From 1883 to 1887, he made a lot of trips with his father (Wales, Shetland, Western Isles, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Jan Mayen, Holland, Spain and Morocco, and keep a real phobia of hot countries.

From 1876 to 1885, he attended the Alsacienne school and he began his medical studies in 1881.

In 1892, he bought his first yacht, a sloop of 8.30 m with which he learned to sail.

In 1893, Jean-Baptiste is building later its first Pourquoi Pas.

In 1896, he married Jeanne Hugo the daughter of Victor Hugo and after he bought a new boat, Pourquoi Pas II.

Then, in 1897, he sells his boat for an other boat, Pourquoi Pas III.

In 1898, he sailed up the Nil to Assouan with the billionaire Vanderblit.

In 1899, he buy his last boat, Pourquoi Pas II.

In 1902 he navigated to Island and crossed for the first time the Polar cercle and approached ice and he began Naval officer.

In 1907, he remarried Marguerite Cléry, together they had a girl.

From 1908 to 1910, Carcot, in August, to overwinter in Petermann Island for its second polar expedition.

The expedition is back in France in June 1910.

During the 1914-1918’s war, he was doctor for the naval of first class and affected to the hospital of Cherbourg.