

The sheaths of the vessels are involved, and there is widespread tissue change, of which the disease of the kidney is but the most prominent part. So we have general constitutional disturbance, a local disease of the vessels everywhere that tends to favor the transudation of fluid. Very often, in renal disease, the dropsy will make irregular manifestations, appearing in one place and not in another on account of those conditions we have mentioned. In cardiac dropsy, the feet will oftentimes be swollen when the patient is walking or standing, when, however, he lies down over-night, when he rises in the morning it will be gone and will maybe show itself in the face; the water is free to move in conformity with the laws of gravity. In renal dropsy there is some of this influence, but the local causes I have mentioned have much more influence. These changes, this view of the constitutional nature of Bright's disease will do much to explain to us the varied symptoms and complications of kidney disease, the brain lesions, the hemorrhages, the retinal affections, the heart complications and the inflammations of serous membranes, so that we must consider that we have more than merely a poisoned blood, we have widespread lesion of the capillaries. This fact will have a great bearing on our treatment and prognosis. In proportion as the system has suffered, so will be our prognosis; where the systemic implication is great, there will the prognosis be unfavorable, and *vice versa*. If the disease be localized to the kidney, we will have more chance of affording relief by securing vicarious elimination of the urinary constituents. This is a difficult case in which to make a forecast. The urine has been persistently bad, there is so much albumen that heat and nitric acid almost solidify it. We will continue the treatment of milk diet and jaborandi sweats on alternate days.

CHRONIC BRONCHITIS AND EMPHYSEMA. HAS THE MAN PHTHISIS?

Here is a man who suffers from gastralgia, but his main troubles are chronic bronchitis and emphysema. His family history is bad, as there is found a tendency to pulmonary disease, and he himself has been frequently and continuously exposed to vicissitudes of temperature. For three years he has had a