

small and about the size of a dollar piece. When of this character, they appear at first with a certain regularity of arrangement, and in other places corresponding with each other, as on the two arms and shoulders—more generally, however, on the breast. They are distinct, but by degrees the poison makes its way throughout the vitals ; the spots enlarge, approach each other, and, when at last united, the body of the sick man becomes a mass of corruption. Then the limbs swell, afterward portions of the body, the hands and the feet, and when the skin can bear no further tension, it breaks, and running sores cover the patient, who is repulsive and disgusting to the last degree. The entire skin of the body becomes extremely tender, and is covered with an oily substance that exudes from the pores and looks like varnish. The skin and flesh between thumb and forefinger dry away, the ends of the fingers, the feet and hands dwindle to nothingness and sometimes the joints separate, and the members drop off without pain and often without the knowledge of the patient. The most noble part of the being created to the image of God—the face—is marred as much as the body by this fell disease. It is generally excessively swollen. The chin, cheeks, and ears are usually covered by tubercles the size of peas. The eyes seem to start from their sockets, and are glazed by a sort of cataract that often produces complete blindness. The skin of the forehead thickens and swells, acquiring a leaden hue, which sometimes extends over the entire countenance, while in other cases the whole face is suffused with scarlet. The explanation of these different symptoms may be found, of course, in the variety of temperament—sanguine, bilious or lymphatic. This face, once so smooth and fair, has become seamed and furrowed. The lips are two appalling ulcers and the