

phangitis, and when present in the skin cause erysipelas? Bacteriologists differ in opinion on this question. Some consider erysipelas to be essentially a specific disease, involving the skin and mucous membranes, and due to the presence of a pathogenic organism, which is not pyogenic. Senn, in his book on the Principles of Surgery, page 370, says: "The surgeon will do well to adhere to the teachings of Fehleisen, who is positive in his assertion that the streptococcus of erysipelas never produces suppuration." He holds that when an abscess occurs during or soon after an attack of erysipelas, it is not due to the erysipelatosus but to a mixed infection.

Other equally reliable authorities take a wider view, believing that the same organism may produce an erysipelas in one case, and a lymphangitis, a septicæmia, or a pyæmia in another.

This latter view is certainly rational, and is borne out by clinical experience.

Case III.—How a general septic infection of a grave nature may occur from an obscure and apparently trivial cause, and how, when the source of infection can be discovered and removed, alarming symptoms may disappear.

SUDDEN DEATH FROM A RARE CAUSE.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF MEDICAL DIVISION NO. 17 OF ONTARIO
ASSEMBLED IN OTTAWA THIS 3RD DAY OF JULY, 1895.

As our President, Dr. Rogers, asked me to present anything of interest to this meeting that had recently come under my observation, I beg to state that in April I presented a specimen at a meeting of the Ottawa Clinical Society, at which meeting said Society was favored with the presence of members of the Ottawa Medical Society, and it seemed to be the opinion of that united meeting of Medical men of Ottawa, that a similar case was not to be found recorded in our medical standard works, or in other medical literature.

Case.—On April 14, 1895, Mrs. E. M——, mother of Mrs. E. L——, swore before me, as coroner for Carleton, that her daughter, Mrs. E. L——, had died from causes unknown to her,