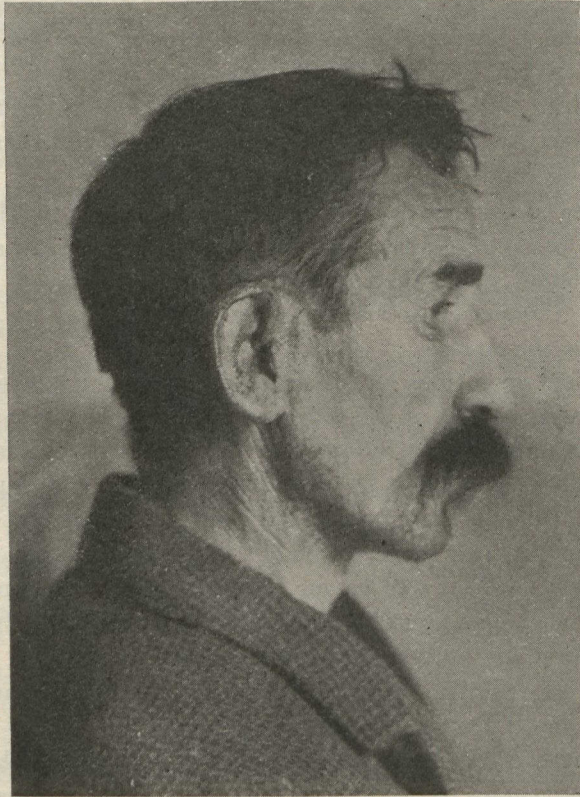


DIPHTHERIA OF THE EXTERNAL EAR.*

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The patient was a man 45 years of age, father of four healthy girls. His previous history is unimportant. The girls were vaccinated and all four cases took, developing staphylococcus infection which eventually healed completely. The patient at this same time had a scratch upon the right ear with a piece of skin torn off. Four days later he noticed considerable swelling for which he consulted me (see photo). At first appearance it seemed like a frost bite, but on the next day it looked very



much like erysipelas. Out of curiosity I took a swab expecting to find streptococcus infection, but was very much surprised to find the diphtheria bacillus. Wishing to be positive another swab was taken and submitted to the Provincial health authorities, who reported Klebs Löffler. A swab from the throat was free from Diphtheria germs. The treatment consisted in isolation, the ear being washed with Bi-chloride 1-1000 and tied up in carbolic soln. 1-40 At the end of one week of this treatment the germs

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