

CASE OF

LICHEN SCROFULOSUM IN A FEMALE.

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The following case, both on account of its rarity and interest, I think worthy of being placed on record:—

Sophie B., aged 22, unmarried, well nourished and healthy looking, came under my care on the 20th April, 1880, suffering from a skin eruption of the hands, which had lasted for three years. She had been treated by various physicians without any improvement, for as fast as the old spots disappeared new ones came out. On examination I saw that the eruption was confined to the hairy parts of the dorsal surfaces of the first phalanges and the hairy parts of the back of the hands, and consisted of a number of groups of minute papules of a brownish red colour. Each papule surrounded a hair follicle; the papules were quite dry and the patient said, never ran water. Rubbing the hand over the eruption it felt exactly like a nutmeg grater. She told me that occasionally it was very itchy, but as there were no excoriations or black crusts of dried blood I judged that this could not be a prominent symptom. The lymphatic glands of the neck and submaxillary region were much enlarged.