

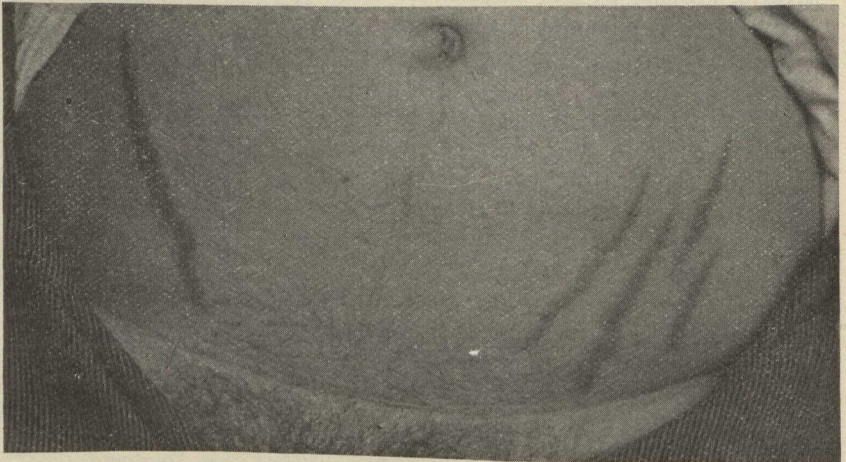
CASE OF LINEAR ATROPHY OF THE SKIN.

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Cases of linear atrophy of the skin, due to trophoneurosis, are not, I believe, uncommon in the practice of the dermatologist. It occurs, too, as the result of injury during growth, pregnancy and other conditions in which the skin is subject to stretching.

The following case I thought might be worth reporting: Mr. L. W. L. presented himself on April 6th, 1911, with the following history: Patient was 29 years of age. He always enjoyed good health; in fact had never had any illness of any sort excepting the



diseases incident to childhood. He was a healthy, ruddy, robust-looking man, employed as a traveller for agricultural implements. He had recently become very corpulent, and a few days before presenting himself at my office had noticed on the lower left quadrant of the abdomen four parallel lines following the fibres of the external oblique downwards and inwards. These lines varied from three to six inches in length. They looked exactly as if the skin had been scorched by a red hot iron, and averaged about an inch in breadth. On the right lower quadrant of the abdomen was a line precisely similar in appearance to those on the left, about eight inches in length and rather more than an inch in breadth, following