

could not walk the street, nor go to any place of public resort, without being stared at by every one. Her father had once taken her to a public concert, but she declared she would never go again, as she was the object of so much attention on account of the "spots."

On examining these with the eye they seemed dark towards the edges of the eye-lids, and shaded off very gradually towards the face. They certainly had not the peculiar dark brown appearance which may often be observed under the eyes of women who have catamenial difficulties, and which are supposed to make them look interesting in the eyes of men, nor had these spots the well known characteristics of what is termed a black eye. They had a peculiar dark shining appearance, for all the world like a well polished negro's skin.

Was it possible that this was a very rapidly developed and circumscribed discoloration of the skin, from the internal use of a preparation of silver? But who ever heard of that being local in its character? It must therefore be a case of echymosis, caused by the peculiar state of the catamenia; and yet the patient had not the least sign of chlorosis. Very much perplexed about the case, however, I satisfied my visitors that this very unusual disease was in no wise connected with any medicine that had been taken, but that it must depend on a particular state of the blood.

I must here confess that I neglected to use the *tactus eruditus*.

The other points remarkable in the appearance of the patient were a peculiar leaning forward of the head and chest *a la* (*Grecian bend*) mode, and when she spoke, a drawling pronunciation of words, giving one the impression that she spoke somewhat in the *Dundreary* style. With these exceptions A. was like other girls of her age who enjoy good health; her muscular system was well developed, and certainly had no look of a "fasting girl," which she had the reputation of being.

I prescribed syrapi ferri iodidi after meals, and potass. bromid, at bed time, in full doses.

I was not again favoured with a sight of my interesting patient till the 25th March, an interval of seventeen days, but I heard frequently through a friend, to whom her father often spoke, in great grief, about his daughter's condition, which, that is the *spots*, were becoming worse and worse, darker and darker.

*March 26th.*—When the patient presented herself to-day; along with her mother, she had the same appearance of feebleness in the *bend*, and the same vocal drawl, but somewhat exaggerated, and the *spots*, the great source of anxiety, were certainly exaggerated too, darker than ever and extending slightly towards the cheek. The headache she declared was