

but the eyelids, eyebrows, and hairy parts of scalp had escaped, as also had the lips. Around the blisters the skin was red and inflamed. The edges of the eruption were quite sharply defined. A few days later, having abstained from haymaking in the interval, she returned almost well, a slight reddening of cheeks and forehead being all that remained of the original eruption. From the situation of the eruption, its sharp definition, and the general appearance, I came to the conclusion that it was artificially produced by cantharides, carbolic, acetic, or other acid, the object being to avoid further work in the field. From what she told me she seemed to dislike exceedingly going into the fields, because she thought it was not her proper work, and I have no doubt at all that some blistering agent was applied to produce the eruption. The eruption resembled no known disease of the skin.

CASE III.—Laura R., aet. 28, living at home, came to the hospital October 15, 1893, complaining of eruption on the chest.

She was a nervous woman, who had most of the hysterical stigmata, such as occipital pain, insensitive throat, and no corneal reflex, of considerable intelligence. She said that some two years before croton oil had been applied to her chest for some lung trouble, and that ever since a croton-oil rash came out at intervals, in fact, that it never went away entirely. On examination a typical croton-oil rash was seen covering her chest, breasts, and between them. She seemed to take quite an interest in showing the eruption to the class of students, and was not at all abashed in having her breasts uncovered. A placebo was prescribed, and I did not see her again for a month. She came back November 15th, with each cheek covered with a huge blister, half full of fluid; on right side the blister was quite baggy. They were very similar in appearance to those seen in the case of Elizabeth B. The blister did not invade the eyelids, mouth, or nose. There was considerable inflammation about the blister, and the eyelids were swollen and red. It looked exactly as if the cheeks had been painted with some blistering fluid, or had been burned. The croton-oil rash on the chest had almost disappeared, and she said it always did this when the blisters came out on her cheeks. When the blisters first came out the rash began to disappear on the chest, until it went quite away. The blistering rash on the face usually, she said, lasted ten days, and afterward she had no symptoms of any kind for perhaps a month. She returned again in a week, and there was only a slight redness where the blisters had been, and there was no rash on her chest. I told her to come back when she felt the blisters coming out on her cheeks. She did so in a month. Her cheeks