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NOTES FROM THE CLINICAL HISTORY OF A PATIENT SUFFERING FROM HEART BLOCK (STOKES-ADAMS DISEASE), AND DELUSION OF INFECTION OF SKIN BY INSECTS (ENTOMOPHOBIA)

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The patient, aged 50, farmer, was admitted to Toronto General Hospital on complaining of itching and an infection of the skin by insects. He also complained of cold extremities and fainting attacks. Patient has a brother and a sister who also suffer from the same affection of skin. From boyhood patient has worked very hard, and received little education. For many years he drank heavily, but has not drunk much during the last four years. He does not smoke except an occasional cigar. When nineteen years old, he had typhoid fever. He has never had lues. All his life he has suffered much from headaches. The attacks would appear once or twice a month and last for two or three days. About eighteen years ago while at work he felt suddenly "all gone," "just played out," and could hardly do anything more. The next day he was all right; but from time to time he has felt this same sensation while working hard. About six years ago while working he suddenly felt a buzzing in his head, fell down and was unconscious for a minute or so. He soon recovered, and in a few minutes was able to go on with his work. That night, however, he felt the same buzzing in his head, but did not