

A. — *Indications of Time in Water.*

The following signs given by Duvergie and Vibert were prepared from an extensive and accurate knowledge of the appearances of drowned bodies :

TIME.		APPEARANCE.
WINTER.	SUMMER.	
3 to 5 days...	5 to 8 hours.	Rigor mortis; body feels very cold and clammy; epidermis commencing to whiten; finger tips wrinkled.
4 to 8 days...	24 hours	Limbs flaccid; skin of natural colour; epidermis of palms very bleached; palms wrinkled; rigor in summer.
8 to 12 days..	48 hours	Flaccidity; bleaching of backs of hands; face waxy-looking.
2 weeks.....	4 days	Face puffy, reddened in places; greenish tinge of skin over sternum; epidermis of palms and soles completely bleached and commencing to form folds. Interstitial formation of gases commences. (<i>Green putrefaction period.</i>)
1 month	8 to 12 days.	Face reddish-brown; lips and eyelids green; chest greenish; skin of hands and feet wrinkled, swollen and creased as if by poultices, its consistency chalky. Body floats owing to production of gases. (<i>Period of bloating.</i>)
2 months	1 month	Face brown and swollen; epidermis largely peeled off from body; nails still attached; hair of scalp readily scraped off; skin begins to get sodden, like wet cardboard or parchment. (<i>Brown putrefaction period.</i>)
2½ months...	Epidermis and nails of hands detached; epidermis of feet detached, nails still adherent; reddening of subcutaneous tissues; partial saponification of cheeks, chin, mammae and anterior surface of thighs. (<i>Saponification period.</i>)
3½ months	Partial detachment of scalp, eyelids and nose; saponification of neck and groins; epidermis of hands and feet completely detached and nails fallen off. (<i>Destructive putrefaction period.</i>)
4½ months	Complete saponification of face, neck and anterior part of thighs; cutis opalescent; cranium denuded and becoming brittle; incrustation of lime in the form of small rounded or conical tubercles, size of peas, in skin of thighs. (<i>Incrustation period.</i>)