

REPORT OF CASE OF FACIAL ERYSIPELAS TREATED BY INJECTIONS OF ANTISTREPTOCOCCIC SERUM.

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Young men are so often accused of a readiness to appear in press that for nearly two months I have hesitated about giving a report of this case, but thinking that the knowledge I gained from this case may be of benefit to some young practitioner I decided to relate my experience as briefly as possible.

Report of Case. Was called on Friday, about 9 p.m., to see a young woman twenty years of age. At this time she was complaining of severe headache, fever, and pain in back and limbs, which made her restless in bed. Temperature, 103; pulse, 112. For over a month the right ear had troubled her with what appeared to be an eczematous condition, but she stated that it felt more sore than usual. Examination revealed an area of redness over the mastoid region, which was just perceptible, but would probably have been quite distinct by daylight.

I at once thought of erysipelas, and told her attendant to keep a sharp watch for any increase in the redness or swelling. She was given one of the coal tar products for the headache and pain in back, also a calomel purge as she had been quite constipated.

Saturday about 7 p. m. I received word that she felt a little better, and so far as informant knew, the condition of parts about right ear were not any worse. Was sent for on Sunday as patient was not so well, and found her with very severe pain in head and back. Temperature, 105.6 (taken twice); pulse, 120. The right side of face was greatly swollen, so much so as almost to close right eye, very red and tender. She was at once given a cold sponging of ten minutes duration, and in half an hour the temperature had dropped to 104. From this time, throughout the case, ichthyol was used locally, and tr. ferri perchlor. internally in large doses every four hours. The case seemed so serious that I decided to try antistreptococcic serum, and twenty-four hours elapsed before I could procure it. In the meantime phenacetin was given every four hours, and orders left to