

CASE OF MOLLUSCUM FIBROSUM.

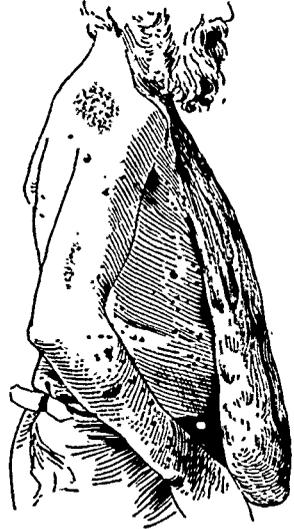
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Well marked cases of molluscum fibrosum are rare, and I thought the following case, which presents both the large and small growths, sufficiently interesting to report :

T. S—, farmer, aged 45, was noticed at birth to have distributed over his body a large number of small growths, varying in size from a pin-head to a small kernel of wheat, with the exception of one larger than the rest, situated over the right breast, and having the appearance of a small fold of skin about the size of a small bean.

When the patient was a few months of age, a physician was consulted, and the parents were advised to "let well alone." No other physician was again consulted until the patient came to me on the 3rd of March, 1890, complaining of a tumour, which, on account of its great weight, as well as on account of the disagreeable smell which arose from it, when he became heated in his work on the farm, was a source of inconvenience to him. On examination I found innumerable

dulous tumour hung down below the pubes, and as he carried it supported in his clothing, it gave him quite a corpulent appearance. It had gradually increased in size from birth, when it appeared as the above mentioned small fold of skin.



growths varying in size from a pin-head to a walnut, distributed thickly over the trunk, sparingly over the head and extremities, but no region of the body was exempt.

From the right mammary region, a large pen-

Its growth was slow during early life, but during the last ten years it had increased in size more rapidly. The skin covering it was rough and rugous and of a purplish colour. The other smaller growths are slowly increasing in size and minute ones continue to appear.

I removed the large growth with the knife. It was very vascular, being supplied with several large-sized arteries. The patient had no bad symptoms, and healing was completed at the end of two weeks, and he resumed his work on the farm during the third week. The tumour emptied of blood weighed ten pounds.

There has been no change in the cicatrix, now two years since removal. The patient is a married man and the father of seven children. Two of the children have shown peculiarities in the skin.

One, a girl, who died of croup when six months old, had a rough, thickened condition of the skin over the anterior surface of the chest.

Another, a boy, twelve years of age, has two small tumours on the right hip, which, in appearance and touch, are characteristic of the disease. The condition in both children was congenital.

The patient's mother was insane for a period of