

Examination of the blood showed upwards of 5,000,000 reds. The drop was dark and flowed with difficulty. The excess of cells was probably due partly to stasis and partly to concentration from excessive vomiting. No count of white cells was made.

*Genito-urinary system.*—Urine scanty; color pale yellow; reaction acid; no albumen; no-sugar; no indican; no sediment; no casts; Diazzo reaction wanting.

*Nervous system.*—Plantar, cremasteric and abdominal reflexes normal; no patellar reflex, nor ankle clonus; pupillary reflex normal, pupil somewhat contracted; sensation normal.

*Special senses.*—Hearing lost on right side, owing to some affection which came on a year ago? Tubercular?

*Alimentary system.*—Patient vomited several ounces of dark green fluid after taking some milk. Exposed portion of lips dark brown in color. Running backward from either angle of the mouth to the last molars are two irregular bands of quite black pigmentation, one-third of an inch wide. These follow the line of meeting of the teeth, and have very sharp and irregular edges. Inner surface of both lips and gums present the same irregular, black color. The roof of the mouth is uniformly, but faintly discolored, with here and there pin-points of darker tint. The under surface of the tongue is also darkly colored by patches extending from the frenum along either side to the last molars. Posterior wall of pharynx presents faint linear pigmentation on the right side. Abdomen slightly concave; very tender in epigastric and umbilical region. Palpation impossible, owing to rigidity of walls. Bowels constipated. Liver seems slightly enlarged.

*Termination.*—The patient died very suddenly and quietly the night of the 29th, apparently while attempting to move in bed. All day he had been very drowsy, getting somewhat restless and incoherent towards evening. There was no great change in his condition subsequent to the time of the above examination, though it was obvious that he was steadily sinking.

*Sectio cadaveris.*—Sixteen hours after death. Height, 5 feet 10 inches; body well developed and fairly well nourished. Hair and whiskers of a dark brown tint; face very dark; pupils dilated. *Post mortem* staining on back and thighs. *Rigor mortis* well marked. (Here follows a description of the discoloration of the body similar to that in the clinical history. It need not, therefore, be repeated).

*Section.*—Subcutaneous fat abundant; muscle dark red in color; omental fat very abundant. The omentum extends to rim of pelvis in front. The mesentery contains two calcareous no-