

business for eleven years and has suffered considerable annoyance at times, but no great financial losses.

*Present Illness.*—Was apparently quite well until July, 1899. On further examination, however, patient says he was troubled even before this date with unusual depression of spirits, with headache, there being a dull feeling across forehead, with a non-desire to read, from which he formerly derived much pleasure, with failure of sight, the letters in reading running into one another. He also had a fear of beginning any new work, the dread of it being greater than the accomplishment of the actual task once it was commenced. His memory, also, was failing, and he says his sight was worse when his spirits were much depressed. One hot afternoon in July, 1899, he walked several miles under a hot sun, and after this he first noticed peculiar sensations, extending from his feet to his knees, which have continued ever since. He compares the sensation to that which occurs after moving a limb which has been asleep, viz., a tingling, pricking sensation, without actual pain. He also noticed that the leg muscles seemed stiff and less mobile than formerly. The sensation first became troublesome on the ball of either foot. About six months after the legs were attacked the same sensations developed in the forearms and hands and extended on the upper extremities as high as the elbows, the distribution being equal on the two sides. The deranged sensation which was present in the legs equally on either side did not extend higher than the knees, until June, 1900, when it gradually extended up both thighs to his abdomen and there formed what seemed to him like a band around his loins, which passed anteriorly about two inches below the umbilicus. This band has continued to the present, sometimes being more troublesome than at others. He complained that he could not go about his room in the dark owing to uncertainty as to the position of his feet. His fingers, he says, have an unnatural feeling, which he describes as glassy or smooth, and the fingers are less mobile than formerly. This stiffness is evident when he tries to button his vest, but is much more marked when he tries to fasten his collar at the back, where he is unable to see the position of the hands. Sexual power was lost for a time. The bowels were inclined to constipation, and there was a tendency towards frequency of micturition. He has had some shooting rheumatic pains in left leg, also the body and arms, but these were not of long duration nor very severe. He has lost heavily in weight, being probably thirty pounds below his normal. He complains of occasional attacks of sharp abdominal pain, which distresses him very much.

Physical examination shows a well-developed man of six feet in height. No wasting of any muscles. No disturbance of sen-