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FOR "THAT NOSE."

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He "would give anything" to be rid of it.

What? "That nose," red, bulbous, deformed.

Not the nose itself, but the deformity, the high color, the manifest deformity. "That nose," indeed! It is by no means a rare condition, and because of this fact it would seem as though a successful treatment should have been defined long ago. Instead—the records do not seem to justify any such conclusion. The practitioner's disposition is either to make light of the disorder or to ignore it altogether."

"It is no disease. Stop drinking, and it will disappear."

That is your opinion whether you say it or not. But you are not honest with yourself in saying this. It *is* a disease.

Dignified as "acne rosacea?" Not necessarily; neither is it necessarily the *fons et origo* of rhinophyma. But, beyond question, it is a disorder of the most stubborn character, and characterized by a chronicity that is disheartening to patient and physician alike. Both know that the aggravation is due to a complicated condition of affairs produced by indulgence in alcoholics. The disorder is nothing if not of a marked character—of such a marked character as to attract attention. *Pfundnase* is the expressive name that the Germans bestow on it. The patient, despairing of ever getting well, or, as he says, of "ever getting over that nose," offers his "anything" for the good riddance.