

Dr. Franklin H. Martin, of Chicago, early in May of this year, saw a beginning carcinoma of the breast. The husband had just read the article in the *Ladies' Home Journal*, and insisted on his wife consulting a surgeon. Dr. Martin removed the entire breast and the axillary glands, and feels sure that the outlook for a permanent cure is an excellent one.

My experience as to the strong impression made by Mr. Adams' article has been similar to those already related. In one morning I saw three patients from widely different points—one from New Orleans with some bleeding due to slight pelvic inflammation, another from Alabama with some bleeding due to a prolapsus, and a third from Maryland, with a small, but benign tumor of the breast. Each had read Mr. Adam's article, and each hastened her visit as a result of this article. All were afraid of cancer, and in each case I was able to relieve the patient's mind, telling her that no malignancy existed. Two of these three patients required minor operations.

From what you have heard, the knowledge of cancer has already been widely disseminated and it is bound to bear fruit. The more the subject is investigated the clearer it becomes that if the women of the country are made aware of what can be done if cancer patients apply early for treatment, it will be unnecessary to pay much attention to the men. If men are sick, unless very ill, they pay no attention to it, and only after they are urged by their mothers, wives, sisters or daughters, do they seek medical aid. As a matter of fact the woman is the health guardian of the household.

*Skin cancer.* Cancer of the skin is easily and promptly recognized and is usually soon brought to the attention of the physician.

*Cancer of the lip* is also soon discovered by the patient, and as a rule the physician's advice is sought early. While in many instances wide excision of the growth is at once advised, yet it is appalling to find the number of patients that are still treated in a palliative manner. Only a few months ago a friend drew my attention to an ulcerated area on his lower lip. His associates had not noticed it because of his long moustache. On questioning him I was surprised and distressed to learn that a supposedly competent physician had been burning the "ulcer" every few days for fully two months. Very valuable time was lost. Within a few days the growth and the glands of the neck were removed. These glands, on microscopical examination, were found markedly involved by cancer, and the patient's ultimate outlook is a very gloomy one.

*Cancer of the tongue.* Any growth of the tongue naturally calls for immediate intervention. My colleague, Bloodgood, has fre-