

palpitation and breathlessness. Shortly after Christmas of 1898 his wife noticed that his face and hands were becoming darker. This was more marked in the morning, clearing up somewhat during the day. Continued to work up till seven months ago, when he had to desist owing to weakness and vomiting, which steadily increased. Since then has had several severe attacks of diarrhea, though as a rule constipated. Took to his bed about two months ago. His wife reports that he has for some time been extremely irritable and cross, and though drowsy during the day he is restless at night. She also says that his sexual vigor has much diminished, and that his last attempt about four weeks ago caused him to faint.

*Condition Dec. 27, 1899.*—Complained of constant pain in umbilical region, also of complete anorexia and frequent vomiting. The latter is more severe on some days than on others. Says he feels extremely weak, has constant dull frontal headache, extremities always cold. Temperature, 98 2-5. Pulse 80, small and compressible. Respirations, 20.

*General inspection.*—Well developed and well nourished; muscles flabby; expression very dull and languid; Face and neck of a smoky brown color, more marked on the latter, especially at the back, where it is quite dark. Backs of hands and ulnar borders of the same hue. On either elbow is a brown, scaly patch about two inches in diameter. The wrinkles on the palmar surface are each picked out sharply in dark pigment. Distinct dark tint along lower dorsal and lumbar spines.

On the perineum, scrotum and penis the skin is quite black. The feet, ankles and knees are of the same tint as the face, but not quite so dark. On the dorsal surface of several toes there are black spots. In addition to the markedly pigmented areas just described, the whole body and limbs are of a distinctly murky-yellowish hue. The sclerotics present a marked contrast with the dark lids, appearing very pale by contrast. This appearance is not borne out on further examination, as they have about the normal color. On the front of the right tibia there is a shallow linear scar which is darker than the surrounding skin. The umbilicus and axillæ are also much darker than their surroundings.

*Respiratory system.*—Depression, loss of movement and dulness well marked on left side from clavicle down to third rib. Vocal fremitus more marked on right side in this region. Vesicular murmur slightly harsh but clear; no rales.

*Circulatory system.*—Pulse very small and soft; apex beat neither seen nor felt; no murmurs; no enlargement; no evidence of arterial thickening.