

In this patient the rapid loss of flesh had produced a curious change in the skin of his abdomen, that was shrivelled and puckered up like an old empty leather bag, a fitting emblem of the man's diminished fortunes. It may be, however, that the creepy beasties this man had had in his clothes had really been a dispensation of Providence, acting in the way referred to by David Harum in speaking of fleas, namely, that a certain number of fleas is good for a dog, as they keep him from brooding and reflecting on the fact that he is a dog. In this view this was but another illustration of Emerson's doctrine of compensations.

The next patient Dr. Fordyce showed me was a young fellow afflicted with eczema scroti. The word "afflicted" is perfectly applicable in this disease, for the patient is scourged, whipped and stung by his malady. In addition to this exquisite torture the affection is apt to be obstinate, and under such circumstances relief may be awaited, though not patiently. In the instance under consideration there was a hard, thickened, scaly patch with much itching on the front of the bag. Considerable amelioration had been obtained by a course of lotions of resorcin gradually increasing in strength from ten to thirty per cent. till a decided inflammatory reaction was secured. Then the part was treated with calamine lotion till the inflammation subsided. It was a variety of the old principle of arousing enough inflammation to carry away with the accelerated and increased lymph stream the old inflammatory induration. The patient himself was so pleased with the result of the first course of treatment, that he wished immediately to enter upon another.

After leaving New York, and enjoying an uneventful voyage across the Atlantic, we landed at Bremen and went on to Hamburg. In Hamburg I had the pleasure of visiting the large venereal service in the General Hospital, the Hospital of St. George, with Dr. Arning. This institution is admirably outfitted. Of syphilis alone, about seven thousand cases are treated annually. Other than the venereal diseases, however, I saw only a few instances of psoriasis, one widespread lupus, and one pityriasis rosea. The service is what one might call monotonously depraved. Dr. Arning was employing a new treatment for chancroid. Everyone is aware how tantalizing the treatment of those ulcers is. They may be sluggish in healing, or new ulcers may break out; or even when healed it is not infrequent for the scar to break down, and the work has to be done over again. Dr. Arning finds that by treating the ulcer with a hot jet of permanganate of potash he gets a rapid solid healing without breaking down. This clinic should be an excellent one in