

mechanical congestion, and the inflammation secondary thereto. The kidneys were enlarged; the right weighed 6 oz., the left 7 oz. The cortical substance was broad and a little speckled with red. Probably the mechanical congestion of the kidneys, assisted by the habits of the man, had given rise to inflammation, and in his cachectic condition to that low form of inflammatory action which is followed by the exudation of a great quantity of protein granules which quickly experience fatty degeneration.

We must see, pretty clearly, considering how little history of the man we had, the course of his disease from its commencement to his death, and how the one disease, the one condition, followed mechanically upon the other; how the enlargement of his spleen, the vomiting of blood, the effusion into his peritoneum, the ulceration of his intestine, the perforation of his intestine, the distention of his belly, and the bursting of his umbilicus,—how all these were the mechanical results of the primary disease, the inflammation of the cellular tissue about the portal vein and the hepatic, cystic, and common bile ducts. The further result of this was changed nutrition, for he was very thin, and evidently his nutrition was interfered with by the damage to the abdominal tissues and organs, consequent on their mechanical congestion, and on the damming back of bile in the blood itself.—*Lancet*.