

but always in a marked degree ; they were squarish, and stood apart; this gave my albinos the appearance of old people, the mouth receding with its stunted teeth, standing in marked contrast to the prominent chin and nose.



Here there was no gouging of the middle incisors as is apt to occur in congenital lues, nor was there any other evidence of this virus in the system ; however, in one family I was given to understand that a leutic taint existed. Their teeth did not seem to tend to early decay.

*Bromidrosis.* A fetid perspiration has long been recognised in some pathological conditions ; thus scrofula, rheumatism, lues, the parturient state have all been associated with a particular emanation. However in some it cannot be connected with any morbid conditions. In such albinos and sons of albinos with whom I played, walked, slept, a peculiar, penetrating, not absolutely unpleasant odour was at once perceptible, which forced ablutions could only dispel for a limited time. Moreover, it was asserted to me that this was increased in females at the menstrual period, but whether it was complementary or vicarious my informers were unable to state. *Excepi cum grano salis.* Zeimssen says the functions of the skin are normal.

The albinos barring these physical differences do not seem to be an inferior class of people. The authors usually say they are of a weakly constitution, but Zeimssen says this is a rule with manifold exceptions. I have always been of opinion that this was more apparent than real. The general cachectic appearance might easily be attributed to the general pigmentless condition of the skin and hair, the weak eyes and receding mouth. Many, I have found, to be surprisingly agile and strong. Several severe shakings which I got at school, by an albino, the seventeenth child of an albino mother, have forcibly convinced me that albinos are not physical degenerates. This particular boy, conscious of his own strength and endurance, was wont to afford us evidences of them by lifting steel rails and by running to a pump, a distance of 150 yards, in cold stormy mid-winter nights, bareheaded, barefooted, and with only thin underwear on, and there to fill his pitcher and to bring it back full. Nor was he ever sick as a conse-