

usual history of these cases, though it does occur *de novo* even in advanced age, and the defective memory and carelessness of our dispensary cases often lead them to claim that the present is their first attack. It has been constantly present, in some degree, ever since the patient can recollect; at times almost disappearing, and then, under influences that we are ignorant of advancing and spreading over the body until it occupies areas as extensive as that which you see affected at the present time. Her entire body is covered with white, scaly spots, looking very much as if some molten waxy material had been liberally sprinkled on it with a large brush. Each spot consists of a heaped up mass of silvery epidermic scales, which can be readily removed with the finger-nail, leaving a reddish, slightly elevated papule behind, at points of which the torn tops of the papillæ of the skin show as minute bleeding points. The scales are lamellæ of fused epidermic cells, and their peculiar silvery appearance is due to presence of air between them.