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### A FEW NOTES ON CLINICS FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN.

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The following cursory notes written for my own pleasure while on a short trip, have no pretension to being at all exhaustive. They may, however, interest my friends for a few minutes, and if so, they will serve their purpose.

Before boarding the steamer at New York to cross the Atlantic I called on Dr. J. A. Fordyce, who kindly invited me to see his service in the City Hospital. The City Hospital turned out to be what I knew twenty years ago as Charity Hospital, and it was explained to me that it hurt the patients' feelings to be treated in an institution called a "Charity Hospital," so the name was changed. How pleasant it is to feel that even such patients have some recollection of what self-respect is, and, as if in accentuation of this mental attitude, the first patient seen had pediculosis corporis. Lice had so long pastured on his body that indelible traces were left, as extensive areas of pigmentation. Throughout these areas there were many light-colored spots having superficially the appearance of scars. The pigmentation was particularly deep in the flexures. The interest of the case lay in a decided and recent loss of flesh, marked anæmia with eosinophilia, and some chloasma spots on the cheeks. The deep pigmentation alone has often led these cases to be mistaken for Addison's disease, and when one gets in addition, as in this case, rapid loss of flesh, anæmia and pigmentation of the cheeks, the chances for error become so imminent as to be interesting.