

fear that volatilization of the ammonia will proceed more rapidly than reduction and thus allow precipitation of some suboxide. Such an accident is rare and will necessitate reapplication of the test.

The sensitiveness of the reagents results in a singularly clear and transparent end reaction. The fact that the same test solutions are used for estimation as are employed for the detection of sugar constitutes a great convenience and avoids multiplicity of reagents.

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CANCER.

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MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN—: It would be impossible in the time at my disposal to read a paper dealing with the whole subject of Cancer. I shall therefore confine my remarks to those features connected with the disease that have been receiving most attention from the profession during the last few years. I can scarcely call these features *new* for like many more subjects of medical interest, they have been discussed in the long past, and in many instances it is simply an example of history repeating itself.

There are so many disputed points in the causation, history, pathology and even treatment of cancer that it would be useless for me in a paper of this length to attempt to pass them all in review. And then as Malcolm Morris says "there is a gruesome fascination about cancer just as there is about a ghost story that is apt to make us all dwell upon its ravages even though we may dread its onset in ourselves." My paper must necessarily be fragmentary and incomplete, and from the very nature of the questions involved, it must be marked by indecision. Let me hope, Mr. President, that these features which appear to be inseparable from it may be the means of eliciting a full and free discussion. Is cancer increasing? is a question that is now receiving a great deal of attention from both the Medical Profession