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REPORT OF A CASE OF ACUTE RHEUMATISM.*

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Miss McB., aged 44 years; the family history showed one brother died of tuberculosis at 27 years; a sister of appendicitis; the father of tuberculosis; the mother of nervous trouble. Regarding the personal history, the patient has had typhoid fever, diphtheria, mumps (at 24 years) and pneumonia. Had uterine myoma removed four years ago. Six years ago, after severe mental shock, began to have dizzy fits, buzzing in the ears, attacks of unconsciousness, with falling (several daily), progressive loss of hearing, vomiting; thought it Meniere's disease; controlled by bromide. The present illness began November 25th, 1902, with acute tonsillitis and pharyngitis; throat very sore and red, not much swelling, but pain along the sterno-mastoid muscles; swallowing painful. Temperature 103 degrees F.; pulse, 120; tongue very coated; breath foul. Sodium salicylate and hydrogen dioxide spray prescribed. On November 27th temperature was 101 degrees F.; pulse, 100; pain on swallowing, with pain down the neck. November 29th, much improved. Throat, red; not sore; irritable cough. November 30th, over right patellar tendon is an area $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 inches slightly raised, bright red and very tender. No swelling of joint; no pain in movement of joint except when above area is stretched. December 1st, about the area there were several smaller ones at sides of the knee, some slightly raised, others flat, all highly hyperemic. They vary from 0.5 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 cm. in diameter, all very tender; can be pinched up, but this is very painful. The edges of some are raised, but the rise is gradual. The patches are any and every shape, round, oval, but mostly irregular in outline. Temperature, 100 degrees F.; pulse, 88. The same condition is seen on left knee, a large patch over the patellar tendon, and smaller

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