

locality is the scrotum, in the form of chimney-sweep's cancer. It may appear anywhere around the organs of generation. In the female it may arise in the walls of the vagina, or about the neck of the uterus in the form of a cauliflower excrescence.

The disease is said to occur more frequently in the male than in the female.

It may be safely said with respect to this form of the disease, that it would never arise unless some local cause was brought into operation. For instance, smoking, especially a short and old pipe, is a common cause of the disease upon the lower lip. Also, on the scrotum, it is frequently due to continued irritation of soot, to which the chimney-sweep is exposed. Although there might be a cancerous diathesis, yet it is not sufficiently developed to originate a local disease, did not some local and long-continued irritation lead to it.

*Course, Symptoms, and Terminations of Cancer.*—There are to be considered, first, the primary, and secondly, those which are designated secondary formations.

Although all cancers, excepting the epithelial, may be said to be ever going on to a termination fatal to the life of the individual, yet a great difference will be observed as to the time requisite to complete its course. An active encephaloid may run its course in a few months, while a scirrhus of minor malignancy may occupy a long series of years; and, indeed, some other disease may intervene to close the patient's suffering.

The scirrhus is always less rapid in its growth than the encephaloid, but is generally the cause of far greater suffering. In many cases of cancer, speaking of all, the first knowledge the patient will have of the existence of the tumor, will be occasioned by shooting pains in the place of location. Then, if it be superficial, a lump of small size, hard and movable, will be felt in the structure. The pain will sometimes be very great, so great and distressing, that when the disease is deeply seated, and there is no other sufficient cause for it, it may be regarded as almost a diagnostic mark. The tumor as it grows in size, will become more painful; and instead of remaining movable, will become more fixed. It is, indeed, attaching itself to the surrounding tissue, by sending into it prolongations, and gradually converting it into a cancerous structure. At this time the glands near to the growth will very