

Akin to the *puupuu*, is an affection of which the native name is *alaala*, that attacks the neck. When at its *acme* it stretches from ear to ear in front, in a sort of very large, and very rough necklace. Were one to make a string of smallish unopened oysters, by piercing a hole right through each, and arranging them by putting them back and belly, and with their edges, therefore, outward, and were he to place this on the bare neck, in the position I have indicated, it would closely resemble the appearance presented by very many cases of *alaala*. Add to this, that the neck is stiffened, the face swollen, and a feverish state induced, and you have the characteristics of the complaint. After continuing for months, or years, the necklace slowly drops off, leaving a wide scar, which is gradually almost completely obliterated. I have not treated this complaint, as the natives seem to think that its nature is to come and go of itself. It seems generally to attack boys, when at the age of puberty, and to prevail most in rainy districts. At Helo it is said to be very rare.

These are the more prominent varieties of cutaneous disease, but I may add, that itch is rather common, and often seems to be the exciting cause of *puupuu*, making a troublesome combination.

You will observe that all this differs from scrofula. The glands are not peculiarly affected, and the discharge, in so far as I have seen, is not charged with curdy floccs. It may be, however, that in some of my cases, this characteristic feature might have appeared, had it not been that the treatment seemed rapidly to affect the discharge, converting it into proper, or as it used quaintly to be termed, laudable pus.

Though the two cutaneous affections of which I have spoken may be made to comprehend the mass of such complaints, yet, were one to attempt a minute description of all in which the skin is more or less involved he might perhaps find something analogous to whatever nosologists have noted from ring-worm to leprosy and scrofula. In fact most of the natives have, or have had, some skin disease or other. A scaling off of the cuticle, leaving but a thin remnant that easily bleeds, is common among the aged. Their predisposition to these diseases is indicated by their uncomfortable feelings when deprived of the fresh water bath, and by the quantity of old cuticle which rolls off their skin when for a few days they have been unable to obtain this luxury of a tropical climate.

One would suppose that in a climate of so equable temperature as this, diseases of the lungs would be rare, but the fact is that they are by no means so and that many of the race, especially young women, are carried off by consumptions.

Affections of the bronchial tubes—colds and coughs—are frequent, from exposure to wet and consequent cold. If these are attended to, and