

The condition is not peculiar to typhoid, but occurs in relapsing typhus and simple fevers. I have never seen it except in association with the febrile state. I believe it to be a vaso-motor disturbance, inducing local areas of congestion in the sub-cutaneous tissue. Duquet and other French writers have expressed the opinion that they are caused by pediculi pubis, not by the punctures, but by the saliva extruded on to the skin! Certainly, the "blue spots" occur in cases in which no pediculi can be found, and it is curious that they should come out only in conditions of fever.

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The recently completed work of Gowers on the *Diseases of the Nervous System* is the most solid contribution to systematic neurology produced by the British school, and as a text book on the subject stands unrivalled in any language. We need not read between the lines to see the untiring industry, the powers of patient observation and the clear, strong judgment which have made this work possible, and have made the author, at a comparatively early age, among the highest living authorities on all matters relating to diseases of the nervous system. No school of medicine in Great Britain has produced such good work in this department as University College: Bastian in the higher psychological relations of mind and brain, Schäfer in cerebral localization, Gowers in his numerous monographs and in this large volume, and Horsley in his brilliant work in the field of brain surgery.

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The highly improbable obstetric tale which I told in the January number has been too much for the credulity of many of your contemporaries, and to their criticisms I meekly submit, knowing well that in obstetrics and gynecology I cannot lose a reputation for veracity; but I am glad to see that Mr. Brydges has come to my rescue and that much fuller details of this truly remarkable case have been published in one of the Manitoba papers and have been copied into a recent number of the *New York Medical Journal*. With the doctor who delivered the placenta and the conductor who found the child on the track I now leave the skeptics.