

These are chiefly found in the loose conjunctiva of the lower lid and upper fornix; the inner surface of the upper lid, which is the point of election in true trachoma, escaping entirely except in the worst cases. There is frequently no discharge. The condition has been the same, possibly, for months before detention and may, if untreated, remain unchanged for months to come, always distinguished by the same lack of even the slightest discomfort. It occasions none of the symptoms of acute trachoma, the corneal ulcers, the pannus, and the like, and is followed by none of the sequelæ. The follicles finally atrophy and disappear without leaving, clinically at least, any trace of scar tissue, and there occur none of the inversions of the lids, the corneal opacities which invariably remain after a true trachoma.

Microscopically these follicles are found to be composed of adenoid tissue. In the loose conjunctiva of the lower lid and the fornix of the upper these lymphatic glands are very numerous, while in the closely adherent conjunctiva of the upper lid itself they are not only fewer but have less room for enlargement. Hence, the localization of the follicles, their enlargement being due to chronic irritation which may be either bacterial, chemical or mechanical.

This latter faction I take to play a very important role among our school children. If this is true, we should expect the disease to be very much more common in dry, dusty, windy regions, like our western plains; and it is. We should expect to find it more common in the city than in the country, and, in the city itself, we should expect to find it much more prevalent in the densely populated wards than in those less thickly settled; and it is. Here the children play in the dirty street by day, and eat and sleep and study in smoky, over crowded, ill-ventilated rooms. The disease is more than twice as prevalent among the boys whose work and play keeps them out of doors, as compared to the girls, whose tastes are more domestic and tend toward cleanliness. I have before called attention to the frequent presence in the eyes of these children of foreign bodies, such as eyelashes, bits of gravel, and the like, which in one of