

On enquiring afterwards, at those who are "knowing" on such matters, I find that the coloring matter used was *cosmetic*, which is made of different tinted ingredients mixed up with a waxy compound. That same day I called on A's father and told him that his daughter was cured of the odious "spots." "Already," he exclaimed in much amazement, "Why they were worse than ever this morning!" "I worked them off," I said. We decided that the case was one of deception for some purpose, probably from a fear of being again sent from home; no doubt the fasting was also more apparent than real. But why should the deception take this particular form? I at first thought that A. had been reading some trashy novels, describing the inmates of the harem, who are known to put dark coloring matter on the under eyelids, and that this might account for it. But it seems that, whatever she read away from home, A. reads nothing but newspapers and standard works at home.

Thinking that A. might really be hysterical, and wishing to watch the case a little longer, I advised the father to say nothing about it at home because, as I assured the patient opposite her mother, that there was no possibility of the spots returning, she would not be inclined to repeat the deception in that form; and as to the fasting, to leave plenty of food within her reach, and to say nothing if it disappeared. His first act, however, on going home, was to tell his wife my opinion of the case and she, not believing a word of it, rushed to inform the patient. Result, a grand rumpus, in which the patient showed no signs of failing health. She declared that her greatest ambition was to proceed at once to confront the doctor, and convince him that he was wrong. She has not come, however, and the only chance I now have of seeing the patient (for she refuses, when asked by her parents to come) is on the street, where she bestows no sign of recognition on the doctor, and where indeed she once or twice turned round to avoid him. I have been near enough to her once or twice, however, to be sure that there was no appearance of the "spots." The father wavered for a time between the opinions of his wife and daughter and that of the doctor, but now, after having argued the matter with a friend, he is more than half convinced that the "spots" were all deceptive. He is not quite sure, however, about the fasting, although he declares that the only thing that any one in the house ever sees A. do in the way of eating is "sucking an orange."

Doctors should make use of all the senses before giving a diagnosis of any case. So artistically was the paint applied in this case the first time that I saw A., that nothing but the sense of touch could inform one of the deception. Apropos of this lesson, the late lamented Professor