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EPIDEMIC OF ROTHELN.

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I am encouraged to make the following condensed observations on an extensive epidemic that has recently occurred in our town and neighborhood, for these reasons.

1. To strengthen the description of Vogel, one of the most accurate of observers.

2. Because the late epidemic was an extensive one, and therefore, afforded an unusual field for observation, and

3. Because, as Vogel remarks, there is "scarcely another disease upon which the views of authors differ so vastly" and so much so "that later writers have denied the existence of the disease entirely."

The prodromata of Rôtheln are in the majority of instances insignificant. The first symptom is the eruption and this makes its appearance, almost invariably, beneath the eye-lids first, afterwards extending rapidly over the whole surface of the body but occasionally confines itself merely to the face, with a few spots perhaps on the wrist. Synchronous with the eruption beneath the eye-lids there is a swelling between the eyes and in