

A CASE OF DIFFUSE CHRONIC ŒDEMA OF THE SKIN. (*Berl. Klin. Wochenschr.*, No. 38, 1900.)

ROSIN describes the case of a woman, 42 years of age, who in the course of three months developed a swelling of the skin which first involved the face and then spread to the chest, backs of the hands, shoulder, forearm, back and leg. The swelling was definitely due to a true œdema, which varied in intensity on different days. No physical signs could be made out elsewhere, except an accidental heart murmur, and no cause could be found for the œdema. After excluding all other possible causes, such as myxœdema, exophthalmic goitre, chronic nephritis, acute œdema and the sequelæ of erysipelas, the author comes to the conclusion that it must have been due to changes in the circulatory system consisting of an increased permeability of the vessel walls.

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(To THE EDITOR, *British Journal of Dermatology*.)

SIR,—The December number of your journal is mainly taken up with the subject of "Lichen Planus: Its Variations, Relations, and Imitations," by Dr. Radcliffe-Crocker. I have read this article with the liveliest interest and pleasure, especially as I have had one well marked and interesting case of the variety described by Dr. Crocker as "Lichen Planus Erythematosus." I may, however, be permitted to point out to the Author and to your readers that a full account of the case is published in the "Official Transactions of the Third International Congress of Dermatology," held in London, August, 1898, entitled "A rare form of Lichen (Lichen planus erythematosus)," of which I have two water-colour drawings.

I find the word "ruber" in connection with Lichen planus very confusing, and I heartily agree with Dr. Crocker and others that it should now be deleted. I am, &c.,

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NOTE.

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