

GRAPHITES: ERUPTION

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- 17 year-old girl, licheniform eruption on the neck for 1 month



- The background is erythematous, as a “map”
- Thickened skin
- Fine scales



- Extended folliculitis on the cheek, looking like a crater; hyperpigmentation around
- Tells about itchy eruptions all over the body, since childhood



- Scratch marks; with central erosion and a persistent brown halo

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- Itch, agg in the night; voluptuous; mania of scratching and picking
- Several treatments, without success



- MOUTH - DISCOLORATION - Tongue - white
- MOUTH - ENLARGED - Tongue



- Congestive redness
- Follicles become brown (scars from scratching)



- In the folds of fingers, skin is darker

GENERAL SYMPTOMS

- Feels hot, but hands and feet are cold, wet to touch
- Constipation, until 2 weeks ago
- Tendency to gain weight, is always dieting, but feels sick when she loses too much weight

PROBLEMS

1. Eruption (psoriasis-like) improved immediately with treatment



2. Chronic folliculitis



ANALYSIS

- Psoric tendency
- Carbonic constitution:
 - Short, round; tendency to gain weight; cold wet hands; itchy eruptions since childhood; sentimental
- Compulsion to pick at lesions



TO NOTICE: PROGRESSION OF LESIONS



OLD LESIONS: brown spots



NEW LESIONS: red, eroded by scratching and picking



Accentuation of follicles