

Pthiriasis capitis

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摘要

Abstract

This affection is due to the lodgment and increase of the *Phthirus capitis* or head-lice, on the scalp, which part it alone invades, other portions of the body being exempt from its attacks. The presence of the insect gives rise to irritation and itching, and this to scratching. In some persons the insect is tolerated without much inconvenience, but in others - especially in children with an eczematous tendency - considerable reaction may result and manifest itself by vascular and pustular eruptions, accompanied with more or less exudation and the formation of crusts. In addition glandular enlargements in the post-cervical regions, and small abscesses may appear on this region and on the scalp. The hair is frequently matted together by the exudation, and in severe cases we meet with a mass of mingled hair-crusts and hair, constituting a fetid and disgusting collection of vitalized filth