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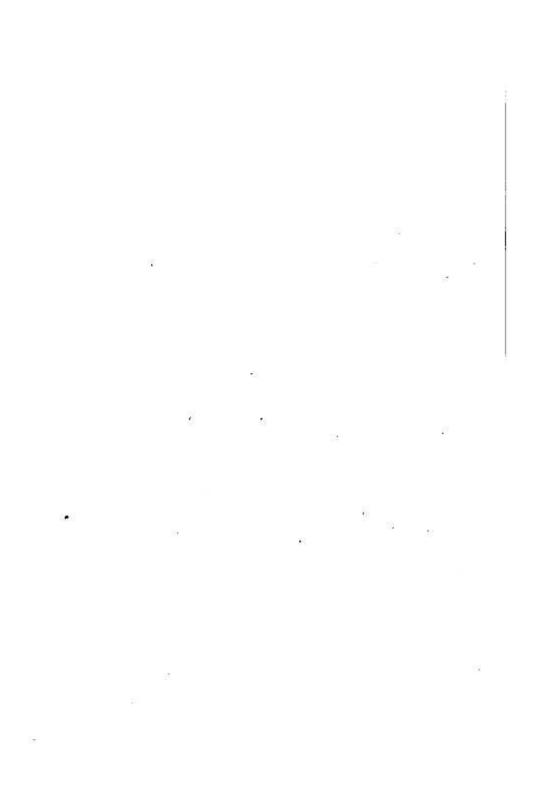
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#### DISEASES OF THE NEWBORN.

Infections of Umbilical Origin in the Newborn, C. F. Soles' says, whenever fever occurs during the first week of life, the physician must be careful to examine the stump of the cord or the cicatrix and search for an umbilical infection. The beginning of the umbilical infection is characterized by a slight swelling and tenderness of the stump of the cord, some redness in the edems of the surrounding parts and by a disagreeable odor of the affected cord. The child becomes feverish and may be seized with convulsions. The fever and other general symptoms are often more marked than the slight local changes lead one to expect, because the organism of the newborn so readily reacts with fever against infection. As septic absorption may go on from the cord with scarcely any inflammatory signs at the point of entrance, it is important that the cord be carefully watched and that the dressing should include the use of astringent and antiseptic powders, as dermatol and salol. When infection occurs, the stump of the cord should be treated with the same remedies but, if the cord has already separated, the scar should be washed with boric acid solution or with sublimate and then touched with silver nitrate.

Acute Pemphigus in the Newborn. George J. Maguire<sup>2</sup> from a record of 18 cases of acute pemphigus in the newborn, draws the following conclusions:

(1) That the epidemic was one of the comparatively

rare disease, pemphigus acutus neonatorum.

(2) That it was due to infection with a pathogenic organism, the staphylococcus pyogenes aureus, conveyed from case to case by a midwife.

(3) That, though appearing chiefly in the newborn

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