

History.—The patient, a male tea-garden coolie, aged 35 years, was admitted to hospital on 27th February, 1938, suffering from severe scalds sustained the previous night when an earthenware vessel, in which he was cooking rice, burst. He was very shocked.

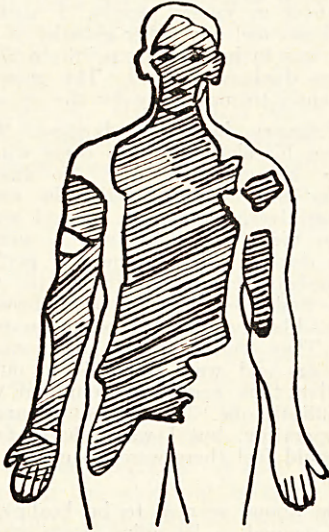


Fig. 1.

The greater part of the anterior surfaces of the head, neck, chest, abdomen and both arms was scalded. The exact distribution is shown by the shaded area in figure 1 and the general appearance is well seen in the photograph (figure 3) taken two days later.

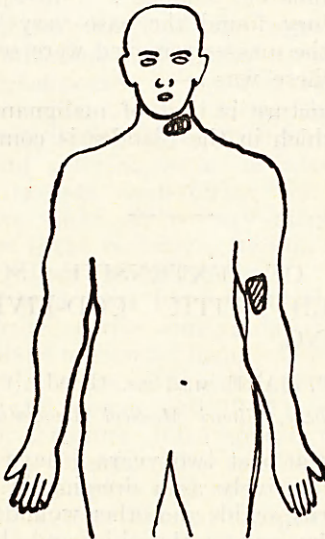


Fig. 2.

Treatment.—The wounds were cleansed with warm boric lotion and dressed with lint soaked in cod-liver oil. The dressings were held in position by light bandaging. Morphia gr. $\frac{1}{4}$ was administered and complete rest in bed enjoined, the foot of the bed being raised. Subsequently the cod-liver oil dressings were renewed daily.

Progress.—The initial shock was quickly overcome and the daily dressings caused no distress. There was never any tendency towards suppuration and healing

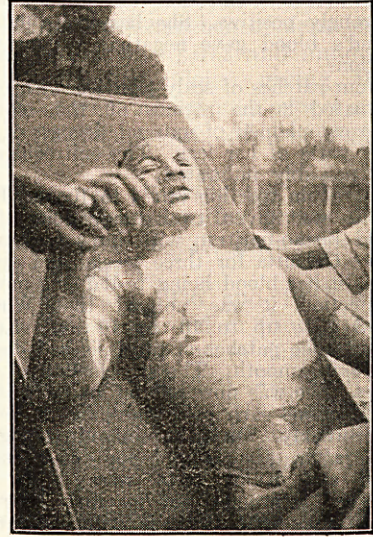


Fig. 3.

proceeded rapidly and steadily. There was no elevation of temperature at any time. The second diagram (figure 2) and the photograph (figure 4) taken on 23rd

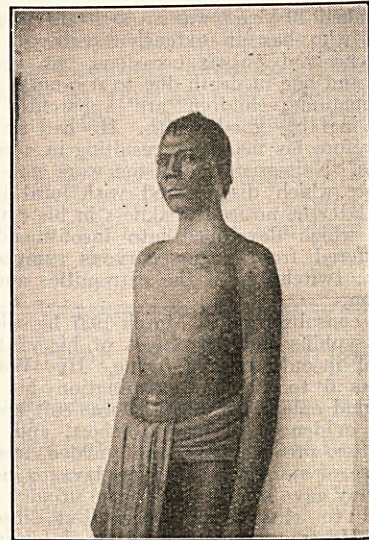


Fig. 4.

March show the remaining extent of the wounds on that date. The patient was discharged from hospital with all wounds completely healed on 26th March.

A Correction

In the article '*Bertiella studeri*, a natural tape-worm parasite of monkeys, in a Hindu child', which appeared in the June number of the *Gazette*, p. 346, it is stated Dr. B. M. Das Gupta examined the stool; this is not correct, the contributor, Dr. S. C. Roy, himself made this examination.—Editor, *I. M. G.*