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PRELUDE.

THE prevalence and fatality of diseases whose essence is fatty degeneration make them a subject of importance, especially as it is now, though not generally, known that they are curable. To have this fully understood means a rewriting of the science and art of medicine, as chemistry and electricity are being rewritten within the last twenty or more years. But this is no hardship, since the business of the medical profession is to cure diseases as well as to write them up. If there is any light to throw on fatty degenerations, there is need of such writing, regardless of the personal equations of the illuminator and the illuminated. So if this dark subject is made brighter and clearer, or if a cue is given to make it clearer and brighter, the end will be gained, which is to show :

- I. *What fatty degenerations are normal.*
- II. *What fatty degenerations are abnormal.*
- III. *The fatty degenerations that are masquerades—i.e., diseases which really are fatty* *ills, but which are called by other names giving no idea of their true character and are therefore misleading.*
- IV. *That fatty degeneration is supposed to be a preservative process.*
- V. *The diagnosis of fatty degeneration :*
 - (a) *By the morphology of the blood.*
 - (b) *By the morphology of muscular tissue.*
 - (c) *By the morphology and chemistry of the urine.*