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SYMMETRICAL LOCALIZED HYPERPLASIAS OF THE  
SUBCUTANEOUS FAT.

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The patient, David Basker, is a mulatto, weighing 225 pounds, and 5 feet four inches in height, aged fifty-three years, and was



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born in Maryland. None of the other Baskeridæ seem to have been afflicted with either fatty or any other kind of tumors as far as can be ascertained at present.

His mother has borne in all sixteen children, all of whom are still alive and well. He has never suffered from any severe ill-



ness but syphilis, which he acquired twenty-three years ago. He is now married and has two boys, one eighteen and the other twelve years of age, and they both are healthy.

About seven years ago he first noticed swellings in the groins and afterwards on the front of the chest. Two years ago

the tumefactions on the back and under the chin became noticeable.

There are now the following enlargements plainly demonstrable: An enormous growth, about the size of a milt, on the back of the neck in the middle line; two smaller bi-laterally symmetrical tumors in the occipital region; another in the middle line in the front under the chin forming an immense dewlap and extending up into both parotid regions; one neoplasm in each groin, absolutely symmetrical, and projecting away out as two well rounded masses, and causing the penis "to hide its diminished head" between them.

The fatty deposits on the upper arms and on the forearms are more diffuse than on the rest of the body. The left upper arm measures twenty and a half inches around its middle, and the right nineteen and one-quarter inches. The left forearm measures fourteen inches around its upper part, and the right thirteen and one-half inches.

He measures thirty-nine inches around the waist—not a large measurement for a man of his build—but around the hips, over the tumors described above as being situated in the groins, the measurement is forty-four inches.

There is one deep unilateral tumor over the left rectus muscle above the level of the navel. The dugs hang down like those of a fleshy woman.

The measurement around the neck, including the median tumor in the posterior cervical region, is twenty-three inches and a quarter. From the apex of the pinna of one ear, around the large mass under the chin to the apex of the pinna of the opposite ear, is eighteen inches, and from the lower lip to the inferior border of this same mass is four inches.

The skin all over these growths is perfectly normal, somewhat tense and easily movable, and those of the growths which are circumscribed are movable on the subjacent structures. The tumors are not painful.





