Erythema gyratum repens

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Fig. 3. Erythema gyratum repens.

Description of a man, aged 63, with the typical clinical picture of erythema gyratum repens (Fig. 3). As in the other 5 patients with this dermatosis who have been published (Gammel, 1952; Purdy, 1959; Schneeweiss, 1959; Duperrat c. s., 1961; v. Dijk), this patient also developed a carcinoma, in this case a cardia-carci-noma with supraclavicular metastases.

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Discussion of the differential diagnosis; erythema gyratum repens must be differentiated from erythema annulare centrifugum (Darier). The article of Shelley and Hurley about a case of erythema annulare centrifugum with circulating auto-antibodies related to a benign cystic breast hypertrophy is mentioned and the possibility of demonstrating circulating auto-antibodies in cases of erythema gyratum repens with carcinoma is discussed.

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Erythema gyratum perstans (Colcott Fox)

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Description of a boy (Fig. 4), now aged 5, closely resembling the cases described by Colcott Fox (1889) and Klaber (1946). The eruption first appeared when he was a month old. In this case histological investigation of the bullae, which up till now has not yet been reported, was possible. The bullae were intra-epidermal with acantholysis and subepidermal extensions.

This boy is mentally retarded and he has a congenital nystagmus. Extensive examination revealed no further abnormalities.

Erythema gyratum perstans is considered a separate entity.