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STONY COVERING OF THE SKIN.—I have at present under my care a man, who is nearly encrusted with a stone like skin, very closely resembling the barnacles of the native oyster, or what is called "rough casting," so frequently seen on the outside of lath and plaster houses. He cannot sleep for any length of time, because the recumbent position causes in him the sensation of lying upon a board thickly studded with nails, or as he expresses it, "lying on a bag of sticks." The first appearance of this covering occurred about six months ago, since which time it has been rapidly increasing, and little doubt exists but that in a short time the man will become as thoroughly encased in a hard coat as the armadillo or the rhinoceros.—*Mr. Kitching, Surgeon of Aldersgate-street, in "The Lancet."*

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