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DIAGNOSIS: HODGKIN'S DISEASE OF THE SPLEEN.

CLINICAL HISTORY: M/36. Splenectomy was performed because of enlargement of that organ and progressive anaemia over the previous three months. Death occurred eight months later and autopsy showed generalised enlargement of lymph nodes. The liver was also diffusely involved.

MACROSCOPIC: The specimen is several times larger than normal and a good deal paler. Throughout the cut surface can be seen pale, rather ill defined foci up to about 1.5cm in diameter. There are also many petechial haemorrhages.

MICROSCOPIC: Normal splenic tissue has been replaced by mixed cellular infiltrate which includes scattered large pale cells with pleomorphic nuclei. Some of these are typical Sternberg-Reed cells. Fibrosis was present in some areas but no necrosis.

