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Stevens-Johnson is as terse as time
And clear cut as culebra
Beside "Ectodermosis Erosiva Plurofacialis" of Von Hebra.

Mnemonically a desert
No visceral strings — Gadzooks!
But audiophonically more apt than
"Syndroma mucocutaneo-oculare acutum" of Fuchs.

The only fault of eponyms —
Rediscovery breeds begats.
But not when alert indexers
Keep out contenders' hats.

On gastroenterospasms
Dulled memory casts a blight.
It would be simpler to recall
The syndrome of Park White.*

What matters when redeemed of sin
What symptom complex done you in?
The pearly gates will set you free
From syndrome and from syndromé.

* *Am. J. Dis. Child.* 26:91, 1923.

