



FIG. 32.—Early exudate in a diffuse inflammation of the lungs in which lobular consolidation was commencing. Section taken from an area at the edge of the beginning consolidation shows a viscous exudate being thrown out from the alveolar wall and a thinner fluid filling the rest of the spaces. The exudate contains a few red corpuscles and a few leucocytes, both mononuclears and polymorphonuclears. The epithelium is largely desquamated and a few strands of fibrin are evident. This presents one stage in the formation of the so-called hyaline membrane. Accession number 3113, Army Medical Museum. Negative number 45580. Hematoxylin and eosin stain; $\times 230$