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- I. *An Account of the Opening of the Body of a Boy, who Dyed Suddenly, and what Observable was found therein. By Dr. Charles Preston.*

BEING called to the Dissection of a Boy, about Nine Years of Age, who Dyed suddenly, being taken ill with a Fit of Vomiting, a little before his Death, with the Chyrurgion one Monsieur *Du Linier*, Operator to Monsieur *Du Verny*, what we found most remarkable is as follows :

First in the lower Belly, after having laid open the common Integuments, we discovered the left Testicle out of its natural place, drawn up above the *Apo-neurose*, or holes of the three *Muscles* of the *Abdomen*, which gives passage to the Spermatick Vessels in Men that go to the *Testicles*, and to the round *Ligament* of the *Matrix* in Women.

The Bladder was extreamly distended and full of Urine.

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In the Stomach we found a Worm of about Nine Inches in length, and a Line and half broad, as also a kind of slimy Matter: the Liquor contained in the Stomach was black, whether it had its Colour from some Remedies prescribed against his Vomiting, or was the effect of some Disease, I cannot determine.

In the second Cavity, the Lungs were tyed to the *Pleura* on the right side, but were free on the left; in the left there was an Inflammation of the *Pleura*, with some Matter, as also an Inflammation of the External tunique of the Lungs.

In Dissecting the Heart, we found a large *Polypus* in the left *Ventricle*, which filled the *Vena Pulmonaris*, and entered the left *Auricule*, about Eight Inches in length and Two Fingers broad.

In the right *Ventricle*, there was also a *Polypus* of about an Inch in length, which was so big, that it almost stopped the entrance of the Blood into the *Vena cava ascendens*.

Lastly, In Dissecting the Brain, we found also a considerable *Polypus*, in the *Sinus Longitudinalis*: All other things were according to Nature.

From what is here observed, it is easie to Conjecture the Cause both of his Vomiting, as also

also of his sudden Death ; and because it were requisite for Explaining this Matter, to give an Account of the Nature of a *Polypus*, and how they are formed ; which being sufficiently done by the Learned *Malpighi* and others, to whom I refer ; it shall suffice that I give a bare Relation of what was found, and leave every Man to make his own Reflexion.

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