

I reckon the Parish of *Stoke-Damerell* as healthful  
an Air as any in *England*.

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VIII. *An Extraordinary Case of the Foramen  
Ovale of the Heart, being found open in an A-  
dult, communicated by Claudius Amyand, Esq;  
Serjeant Surgeon to his Majesty, and F. R. S.*

**M**R.\* dying at the Age of Twenty-two, of an Illness  
that had perplexed his Physicians, was opened,  
to discover an Imposthume, which was apprehended  
in the Belly. As nothing was observed there worth  
notice, saving a very great Relaxation of the *Viscera*,  
the Cause of his Death was looked for in the *Tho-  
rax*; there the Lungs were strongly attached to the  
*Pleura* on each Side, and a large Collection of Wa-  
ter in each Cavity, especially on the Left, where the  
posterior Lobe was inflamed, and tending to Suppura-  
tion; the Quantity of Water in the *Pericardium* was  
greater than usual, and the Heart much larger than  
could be expected in so great an Atrophy as the Pa-  
tient was reduced to; in it the *Foramen Ovale* was  
found open, so as to give passage to a large Finger,  
when a fungous Substance, which grew from the Cir-  
cumference of the *Foramen*, and did stop up the  
same, was removed. The Valve was hardly percep-  
tible, it being callous and furled up. The *Ductus  
Arteriosus* was found close as usual. This Patient  
had enjoyed great Health till lately, and had given  
no sign of this opening of the *Foramen Ovale*,  
which is præternatural in Adults.

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*ERRATA*: Pag. 146. l. 21. r. Duplicia. Pag. 165. *dele* N, B. &c. all the 4 lines  
at the bottom.