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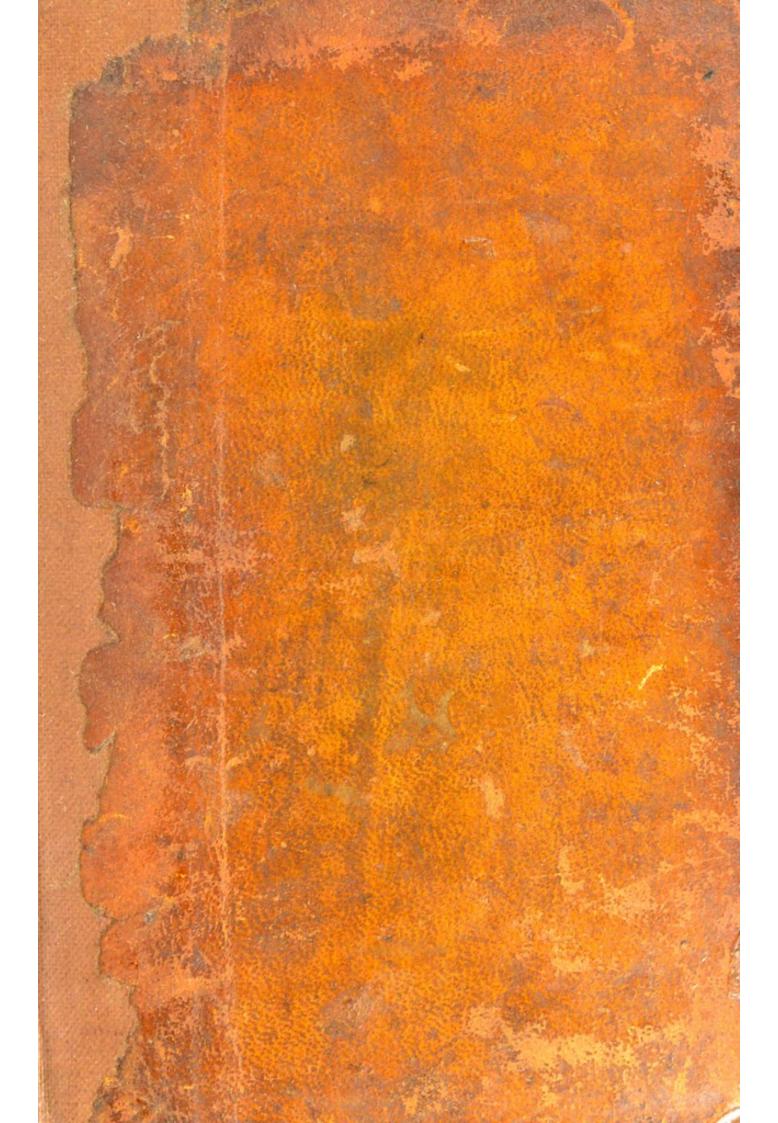
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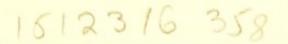
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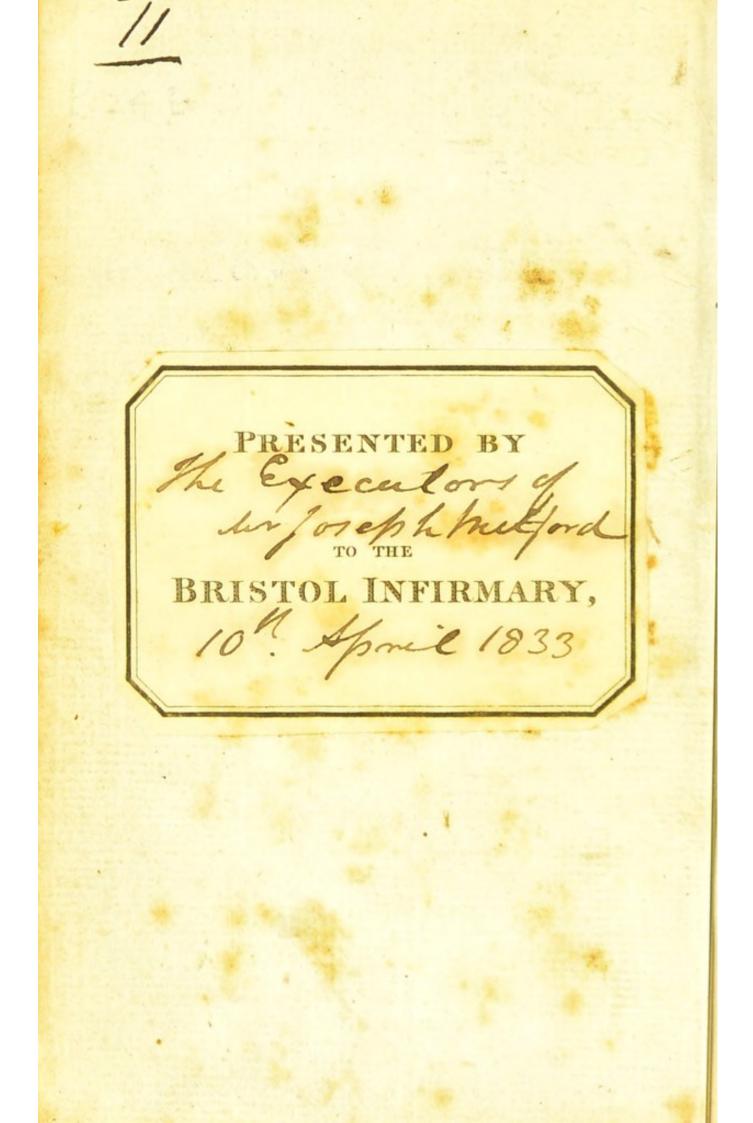


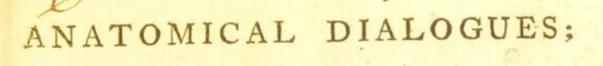


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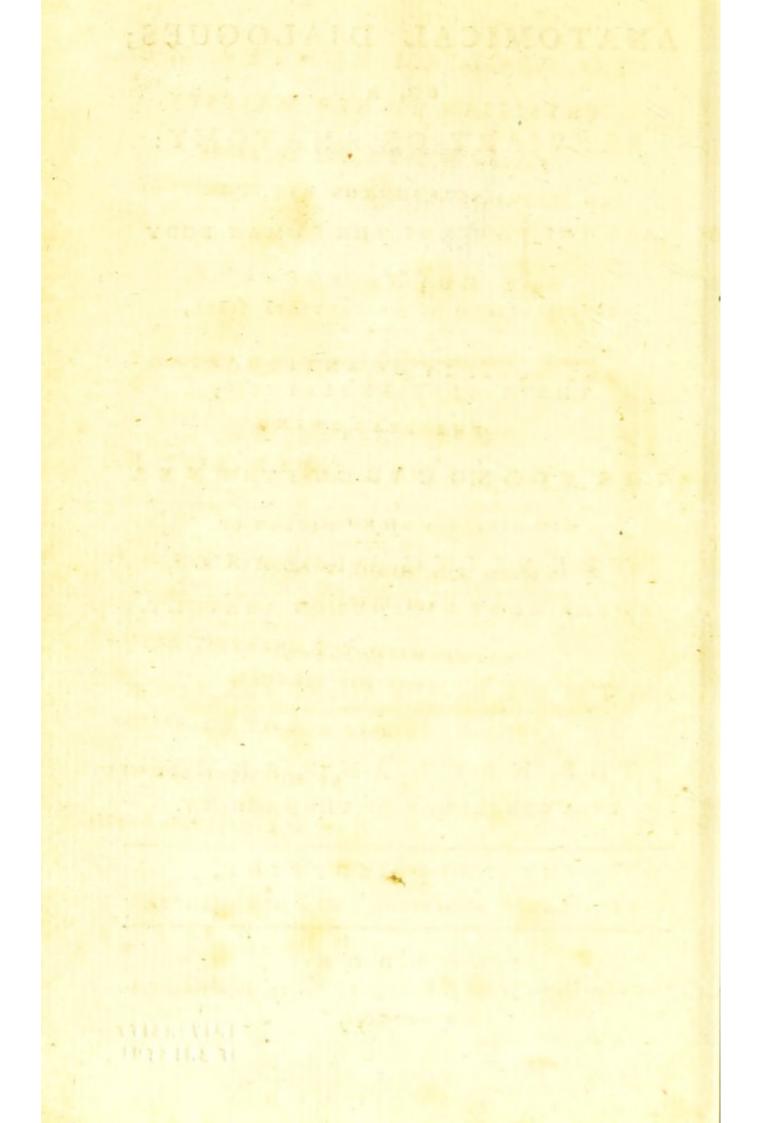
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PREFACE.

S the Public will undoubtedly expect fome Reason to be given for intruding on them another Work of this Kind, when fo many learned and judicious Authors have profeffedly written on the Subject, I think it neceffary to inform them, 'That it is neither from Vanity nor Profpect of Gain, that the following Sheets were compiled, but merely to render the Study of Anatomy more agreeable, and to be obtainedat a lefs Price than any System of Anatomy yet extant. Was Ambition the Motive, I should not conceal my Name; and was Profit the Inducement, I should then have made it more voluminous and fystematical: However, I hope I have omitted no effential Part of the Science neceffary to be known by the young Practitioner, in order to attain a right Method. of treating Difeases, as far as it depends on Anatomy; but how I have fucceeded, I must leave to the impartial and judicious Reader to determine.

This Book was compiled with a view to facilitate the Knowledge of Anatomy to fuch young Gentlemen as are intended for the Service vice of the Army and Navy, as well as domeftic Practice.

A Compendium, containing all the Difcoveries of the modern Anatomists, it is prefumed has long been wanted, as a Pocket Companion for the young Student, previous to his Examination at Surgeons Hall, in which he may fee, at one View, a concise Defeription of the Parts which compose the human Body, without diftracting his Memory by the Perusal of a Number of Books, which often contain physiological Explanations very contradictory to each other.

I have thrown the whole into the Form of Dialogue, which I flatter myfelf will not only be more pleafing to the younger Part of the Profeffion, (for whom this Work is principally defigned) but make a greater Imprefion on their Memory—Inftruction being most impreffive when leaft incumbered.

Should this Compendium be cenfured or condemned, by the felf-fufficient and ill-natured Part of the Faculty, I doubt not but those of Learning and Liberality of Sentiment, who are an Honour to the Profession, will overlook with Candour any trifling Defects which may be found in it. Though this Performance is not by any means intended for the Use of the elder and more experienced Artists; yet even to them, it may supply the Place of a Remembrancer, of what they were before more fully informed, informed. I am not fo vain as to think it will improve their Knowledge, fince nothing new can reafonably be expected in a Work of this Kind, which is chiefly collected from other Authors: But if it anfwers the End defigned, of affifting the young Student, I fhall not think my Labour and Attention in compiling it, though it has coft me much Trouble, ill beftowed.

To render the Book more uleful, I have added a copious Index, by which the Reader may readily advert to any particular Subject he may want to be informed of.

London, July 1778.

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ANATOMICAL

DIALOGUES.

DIALOGUE I.

Of ANATOMY in General.

Q. W HAT is Anatomy? A. Anatomy is the accurate diffection, or the cutting to pieces of a human body, in order to difcover its ftructure and ufes: in which every phyfician and furgeon ought to be well fkilled, exactly to know, and fully to underftand every part of its proper ufe.

Q. What is the use of anatomy?

A. It gives you the perfect knowledge of the caufe and cure of difeafes; without which, neither the phyfician nor the furgeon can do juftice in their professions, but would rather be detrimental, than beneficial to mankind.

Q. How is the body diftinguished by anatomist?

A. Into venters and limbs. The venters are the most remarkable cavities of the body, in

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which fome principal part or bowel is contained, viz. the belly, breaft and head: the limbs are, the arms and legs; the cavity of the breaft is called the thorax, and that of the belly, abdomen; their fub-contained parts are named as follows, viz. the hollow on the middle of the thorax, under the breafts is called fcrobiculus cordis; the middle of the abdomen, for about three fingers breadth above and below the navel, is called regio umbilicalis; the middle part above this, epigaftrium; under the cartilages of the lower ribs, hypochondrium; and from below the regio umbilicalis to the offa ilia and offa pubis, hypogaftrium.

- Q. What are the external parts, and common integuments?

A. Thefe are, the cuticula, epidermis, or fcarf-fkin; the corpus reticulare, vel reticulum mucofum; the cutis, or true fkin; the glandulæ febaceæ, vel miliares; the membrana adipofa; and the pinguedo, or fat.

Q. What is the cuticula, epidermis, or fcarf-Ikin?

A. It is a very fine, thin, transparent, smooth, infensible membrane, closely lying upon the cutis, or true skin, of which it seems a part, and is, with the reticulum mucofum, what rifes into a bladder in burns, or when a blisser is applied; it not only covers the skin externally, but lines many of the larger passages, as the alimentary canal, the lungs, vagina, urethra, &c. the colour of it in Europeans is white, but black in many other nations : having no blood-vessels or nerves, it is void of sensation.

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Q. What is the use of the cuticle?

A. To defend the true fkin from injury, drynefs, and pain; and to affift, and, at the fame time, to moderate the fenfe of feeling. This membrane appears fcaly and porous (through a good microfcope); and Lewenhoeck and others fay, every fcale has about 500 pores; fo that a grain of fand (according to this account) will cover 125,000 pores through which we perfpire. Some fay that the cuticle is not porous; others, with more probability fay, that its pores are as numerous as those of the fkin, but that they are too fmall to be discovered, except by the help of good microfcopes.

Q. What is the corpus reticulare, vel reticulum mucofum?

A. A fubftance, which hath been thought to reprefent a net-work; hence its name. It lies immediately under the cuticle, to which it firmly adheres; it is of a foft mucilaginous, vifcid nature, and fills up the interffices of the fibres running between the cutis vera, and cuticula. After raifing the cuticle in a negro, this fubftance appears of a black colour, and is compounded of two layers: from its colour, and the colour of the mucus it contains, the fkin appears to be either black or white: in Europeans, white; in Africans, black; in the tawny, yellowifh.

Q. What are the uses of the corpus reticulare?

A. To preferve the structure of the other parts of the integuments, to give passage to the hairs, papillæ, and excretory ducts, and retain them in their places; and it has some share in

The true skin on its whole preferving covered why lamelle one is unface preferving the foftnefs of the papillæ, which renders them fit for the fenfe of feeling.

Q. What is the cutis, or true fkin?

A. The true skin is a very compact, thick, ftrong, and fenfible membrane, covering the whole body, and fo plentifully fupplied with nerves for the fense of touching, that the very finest pointed instrument can prick no where, without touching fome of them. Immediately above this membrane, is the corpus reticulare and cuticula; and under it, the membrana adipofa and fat. Its thickness is very different in feveral parts of the body. It is composed of a multitude of tendinous fibres, a vast number of blood-veffels and nerves, which conftitute the pyramidal papillæ that raife themfelves through the pores of the corpus reticulare, and conftirute the organs of feeling. The true skin is white in all mankind. Its appearing white, black, or tawny (according to the climate) is owing to the colour of the cuticula and corpus R teticulare, and not to the colour of the skin, which is always white in all nations. The red colour of the lips is owing to the blood-veffels in the muscular flesh; and that of the cheeks in white people, to the blood in the minute vefiels of the skin.

Q. What are the uses of the skin?

A. To defend the parts underneath from external accidents, to be the organ of feeling, to wrap the parts more firmly together, and to be an universal emunctory to the body, cleansing the blood of its redundancies by sweat and perspi-

ration, at of Colour in man; in ulattees it is Provond in negood is black one use of y retter

ration, which at the fame time, prevents its flaccidity or drynefs.

Q. What are the glandulæ febaceæ?

A. The glandulæ febaceæ, vel miliares, are fmall bodies like millet-feeds, feated immediately under the fkin in the axillas; and are faid to have been found under all other parts of the fkin when looked for with good microfcopes.

Q. What are the uses of the glandulæ sebaceæ, vel miliares?

A. Thefe glands are supposed to separate fweat; which fluid was thought to be only the materia perspirabilis, flowing in a greater quantity, and condenfed, till Sanctorius affured us that it is not fo; and that more of the materia perspirabilis is separated in equal times, than of fweat: of the former he fays, there are usually fifty-two ounces a day feparated (in Italy, where his experiments were made), but of the latter, not near fo much in the most profuse fweats. But whoever reads Mr. Hales's experiments, will find what Sanctorius accounted for by an imaginary, infenfible perspiration, different from that which in the greatest degree produces sweat, is really made by the lungs in refpiration, in ten times a greater quantity than all the ordinary perspiration through the cutis, and feems to be but the fame kind of fluid discharged both ways; for whenever it is interrupted thro' the fkin in cold weather, then the lungs are overcharged, and a cough is produced.

Q. What is the membrana adipofa?

A. All that membrane immediately under the Ikin, containing the fat in numerous cells, by Nº of

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fome named cellulæ, and the fubftance made up of them, termed the cellular fubstance; this membrane adheres very closely to the fkin, and runs between the muscles in general, and between their feveral fibres in particular; and communicates with the membrane which lines the infide of the thorax and abdomen; and all its cells communicate throughout the whole body, fo that from any one part the whole may be filled with air, as is evident in beafts, by the butcher's blowing up their meat when newly killed; and in an emphysema of the human body fometimes occafioned by a broken rib, &c. And in these cells the water is contained in an anafarca, which, from its weight, first fills the depending parts; and when these cells are very full, the water frequently passes from them into the abdomen; and after tapping, though the limbs were ever fo full, they will almost empty themfelves in one night's time. This membrane is alfo the ufual feat of impofthumations, carbuncles, and boils.

Q. What are the uses of the membrana adipofa?

A. It contributes to keep the inner parts warm and pliant; and by filling the interflices of the muscles, renders the furface of the body fmooth,

Q. What is the pinguedo, or fat.

A. It is an oleaginous or butyraceous matter, fecreted from the blocd (in the little arteries of the adipofe membrane) and filling up the cavity of the cells of the membrana adipofa; and that this oleaginous matter has a circulatory latory motion, or an egrefs into the veins, is very evident from the fudden confumption of it in many difeafes, and from its vaft diminution. by exercife and labour.

Q. What are the uses of the fat?

A. To ferve as a kind of covering to the body in order to defend it from cold, and other injuries; to defend the more tender and fenfible parts from being too ftrongly vellicated by the falts; to preferve, in good order, the flexion of the muscles and cutis, and of the other parts between, and about which it is placed; to facilitate the motions of fome parts, as the eyes, jaws, &c. to fill up the interfticial fpaces, and by that means to add to the beauty of the parts, as is evident in the face, neck, &c. and to facilitate the diftension of the parts, the spaces between which it thus fills up. There is a manifest use of the fat about the vagina, anus, offa ischia, and pudenda, in the exclusion of the fætus, and the harder excrements, and in the foles of the feet, the nates, and other the like parts, in all which the fat is very copioufly difposed, and serves in the place of a cushion for the muscular flesh to rest on, and to prevent the painful preffure and attrition of the parts; and finally, there is great reafon to fuppofe, that when the body does not receive nourifhment in the usual way, the regress of the fat into the veins fupplies that defect.

Q. What are the conftituent parts of the body ?

A. The body confifts of bones, cartilages, ligaments, muscles, tendons, arteries, veins, B 4

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nerves, lymphæducts, glands, excretory vessels, membranes, fibres, hair and nails, besides the integuments before mentioned.

Q. What are the bones ?

A. The bones are hard, brittle, infenfible, parts, but covered both on their infide and outfide with an exquisitely fensible, nervous vascular membrane, called pariofteum, (except on the skull, where it is called pericranium) containing more or lefs marrow; and on the furface of the bones, at the ends, are two kinds of prominences; the one termed apophyfis, or proceffus, and the other epiphysis, or appendage. Besides the common large cavity, most bones have fuperficial cavities or finuses, with furrows and holes through which the nutritious and medullary veffels enter (as all the membranes of the bones, both within and without, are supplied with blood veffels and nerves, as is the marrow.) The most confiderable of the nutritious veffels enter at the end of the bones, viz. the artery at one end, and the veins at the other. If the bones had no cavities, they would, if they were ftrait, fuftain the fame weight; but being made hollow, their ftrength to refift breaking transversely is increased in proportion to their diameters, without increasing their weight, which is very evident in the wings and quills of birds : but the bones in the legs of all animals are more folid, being formed to fupport weight.

The bones, like all other parts where large veffels do not enter, are generally of a white colour; only in a living creature they are bluifh, which is owing to the blood in the finall veffels under under their furface. The lefs therefore and fewer the veffels are, and the thicker and firmer the boney furface covering the veffels is, the bones are whiter; hence the bones of adults are whiter than those of children; and, in both young and old, the white colour of different bones, or of the feveral parts of the fame bone, is always in proportion to their veffels and folidities; which circumftance ought to be regarded by furgeons, when they are to judge of the condition of bones laid bare.

Q. What is the apophyfis of a bone, and its use?

A. The apophyfis is a continued part, or excrefcence of the bone (as a branch is of a tree) jutting out from it, to make the better articulations, and for the more commodious infertion of the mufcles.

Q. What is the epiphysis of a bone and its use?

A. The epiphyfis is an additional bone growing to another by mere contiguity, being generally more foft and porous than the other, though it mostly degenerates into an apophyfis in adults, and therefore of the fame ufe.

Q. What is the medulla, or marrow, contained in the bones?

A. It confifts (befides the blood-veffels) of an invefting membrane, in which are included membranaceous lobules and bags that fill up the cells of the bones; and in thefe bags are veficulæ, or glandulous bladders, very like the veficular fubftance of the lungs. The large middle cavity of all cylindrical bones, contains an oily marrow: but the great number of leffer cells, towards towards their extremities, contain a bloody marrow, or rather a kind of red, fatty, medullary juice; which laft is found in all fpongy heads and cells of bones. The marrow in young bones is more red and bloody than in old ones, as the oily marrow would otherwife render their fibres too foft. The medullary veffels, found running here and there, through their proper canals, penetrate into the inner cavity of the bones, and fecrete the medullary part from the blood, the blood being afterwards returned by the veins; the nerves are diffributed to the fame places, for the fake of fenfe and motion; thefe veffels enter the bones obliquely, that they may not weaken them by dividing too many fibres in the fame place.

Q. What is the use of the marrow?

A. The marrow being more or lefs diffributed all over the bones, and transfuding through their plates and fibres, makes them tougher and lefs brittle; but does not nourish them, as was originally believed.

Q. What is the periofteum ?

A. An exquifite fenfible, nervous, vafcular membrane, which lines and covers all the bones in the body, internally and externally, except a part of the teeth, and the places in bones where the mufcles are inferted. The periofteum on the outfide of the bones, is derived from the membranes of the mufcles that lie upon it; that on the infide, from the dura mater. The inner fuperfices of the periofteum flick as clofe to the bone as if it were glued to it; and befides, the periofteum has little fibrillæ or threads continued from it, that enter into the fubftance of the bone, bone, which give them, probably, fome internal fenfe. The periofteum conftitutes the first rudiments of the bones in a fœtus in utero. It is every where full of fmall blood veffels, which enter the bones for their nourifhment; but the internal fubftance of the larger bones is nourifhed by the veffels which enter obliquely through their middles. The periofteum is of different thicknefs in different parts; but, in general, the internal is vaftly thinner than the external; and though fome have fuppofed it to arife from the dura mater, yet it is evidently formed, at the fame time, with the dura mater in the fœtus.

Q. What are the uses of the periosteum?

A. It gives fenfibility to the bones, which otherwife might be fawed, cut, or burnt, without pain; as their whole fenfibility is owing to this membrane: and it alfo gives the determination and figure to bones; as is evident from this, that when it is wounded, exoftofes, tophi, and caries, arife in the part: it is likewife the organ of fecretion for the bony matter, as the membrana adipofa is for the fat: and it ferves alfo for the mufcles to flide eafy upon, and to hinder them from being lacerated by the roughnefs and hardnefs of the bones.

Q. What is the fubftance of the bones?

A. The fubftance of the bones confifts of lamellæ or plates, lying one upon the other, joined together by transverse fibres, and, as it were, archwife: these fibres, when first formed, are very soft, but grow by degrees to the hardness of a cartilage, and afterwards to that of a perfect bone. But the change is neither made in a very very fhort time, nor begun in all the parts of the fame bone at once.

Q. What are the uses of the bones?

A. They give ftrength and fhape to the whole body, fuftain all its organs, and keep the machine in proper order to perform its various functions; therefore the exact knowledge of the bones is the foundation of all anatomy. The bones are connected together various ways, according to the various purpofes they are to ferve; fome being intended for motion, others for reft, and the fupport of the incumbent parts only.

Q. How many bones are there in the human body?

A. Two hundred and forty-feven (exclusive of the fefamoidal bones, whofe number is uncertain); but the number is various in various fubjects; fome fay 300, or 307; others, 318, but late writers fix it at most to 250, and commonly but 247, as follows.

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Q. What are the cartilages?

A. Cartilages approach much to the nature of bones, but are fmooth, lubricous, flexible, and elaftic. There is no fenfible cavity, cell, or pore, in any part of the fubftance of thofe which cover the ends of bones, except very fmall paffages for the blood veffels, &c. They are whitifh, or pearl coloured; and with age, fometimes grow fo hard, as to become perfect bone. Though they have no fibrous appearance, but have a fmooth furface, not only externally, but when cut through; yet by fteeping them, unravelling and examining with a microfcope, fibres are plainly difcovered.

Q. What are the uses of the cartilages?

A. Their use is to cover the ends of the bones that have motion, to prevent them from being damaged by a continual friction; and to contribute, in a great measure, to the formation of feveral parts, as the larynx, nose, ears, &c.

Q. What are ligaments?

A. Ligaments are white, fibrous, clofe, compact fubftances, more flexible than cartilages, not eafily ruptured or torn, and do not yield, or at leaft but very little, when pulled. They form either narrow cords, broad bands, or thin webs. In all the moveable joints there are capfular ligaments; fo called, from a very fluid, mucilaginous liquor (termed fynovia) being contained in capfulæ, or bags; which liquor continually moiftens the articulations. It is generally agreed, that the ligaments are nearly infenfible in their natural ftate; but experience fhows, that they are capable of very acute pains when when difeafed, nothing being more painful than collections of matter within these parts, or sharp medicines applied to them when laid bare.

Q. What are the uses of the ligaments?

A. Their use is either to bind down the tendons, or to tie together such bones as have motion, to prevent them from parting from each other, as happens in luxations.

Q. What are mufcles?

A. Muscles are diftinct portions of flesh, foft . and red; compounded of fibres, tendons, nerves, veins, and arteries, all enclosed in a peculiar membrane; every muscle has one or more tendons at its beginning and end, though fometimes fo very fmall, as not to be feen without a microfcope. Where the nerve is inferted, is the head or beginning of the muscle; the middle, or flefhy part, is its belly; and where the tendons are greateft, and most in number, is called the tail or end; and if the end be broad and membranous, it is called aponeurofis; but in many of the muscles both the extremities are moveable; in those, that part which of the two is leaft moveable, is generally called the origin, or head; though in the ferati antici, and iome of the muscles of the abdomen, it is the reverfe. All the muscles are either rectilinear or penniform, and formed for flexion or extenfion, and fometimes both. To every flexor is opposed an extensor; to every adductor, an abductor; to every elevator, a depreffor, except only in the sphincters, cremasters and cefophagus. Some mufcles are mostly carnous, as all the fphincters and mufcles of the tongue; others,

others, mostly nervous and membranous, as the fascia lata tibia adducens, quadratus vel distortor oris; by Galen named platysma myoides, being first contracted involuntarily in the spasmus cynicus.

Q. What are the uses of the muscles?

A. To promote voluntary motion, as by the contraction of the muscles the feveral motions of the body are performed. Thus, the foul effects motion in the muscle at pleasure, by transmitting from the brain, by the nerves, animal spirits, by whofe copious influx the mufcles to be moved are in an inftant inflated, and fo contracted, that they pull and move the member to which the tail is fastened : to this end, nature hath inferted a nerve or more into each mufcle; fo that flefh and nerves are the principal conftituents of a muscle; and, indeed, some muscles feem to have their bodies made up of nothing elfe than an intermixture of nervous and flefhy fibres; as the muscles of the forehead, temples, bladder, anus, and all fphincters. The motions of the far greater part of the muscles are voluntary, or dependent on our will; those of a few others involuntary : those which perform the voluntary motions, receive nerves from the brain or fpinal marrow; those which perform their motions involuntarily, have their nerves from the cerebellum; and those whose motion is partly voluntary, and partly involuntary, have theirs in part from the brain, and in part from the cerebellum. And as a muscle can no longer act when its nerve is either cut afunder, or tied up; fo nearly the fame abfolute depend-

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ance it has on its artery; for on cutting, or drying up the artery, the muscle in the same manner, some hours after, loses its whole power of action, as if the nerve had been cut or tied up.

Q. What are tendons?

A. The larger muscles, particularly in the extremities, have fubstances joined either to one or both ends of them, which fubftances are called tendon; which is lefs than the muscle itfelf. The tendon is whitish, firm, hard, and tougher than the muscle, and is inelastic, for by pulling it breaks. They are formed of fibres, connected by a fmall quantity of cellular membrane. The fibres run parallel with each other. The tendon is not red, from having fewer veffels than the other part of the muscle to which it belongs, as in the white of the eye; but like that it becomes red either by injection or inflammation. Dr. Hunter thinks that the fibres of a tendon are not continued into the muscle: and that the tendons are only as chords fixed to the ends of muscles, which are the agents; for no one imputes any action to the tendons.

When the fibres of a tendon expand themfelves into a membrane, it is called aponeurofis.

Q. What are the uses of tendons?

A. The fame as that of muscles.

Q. Why are tendons used?

A. The eafinefs of motion in the joints required them, and they are chiefly there. If the flefhy mafs of the muscle was continued down to the joint, it would be unfit for many purpofes and uses that we cannot difpense with. Suppose, Suppofe, inftead of tendons, there were boney flender proceffes from the bone to be removed, to the flefhy part of the mufcle, there would two inconveniences follow, which the tendons are not fubject to, viz. if boney proceffes were ufed, they would be very liable to be broken by a little violence, on account of their flendernefs, and laying fo fuperficially : and, fecondly, they would not admit of fo much motion in the joint.

Q. What are arteries?

A. Arteries are conical tubes, which arife from the ventricles of the heart; and thence dividing into branches, are diftributed to all parts of the body. They are compoled of three membranes, or coats. The external and internal are membranous, but the middle coat is rather mufcular; confifting of circular or fpiral fibres, which being very elaftic, contract themfelves with fome force, when the power ceafes by which they have been ftretched out. They have two reciprocal motions, or pulfations, like the pulfes of the heart; being a fyftole and a diaftole, keeping oppofite times; the fyftole of the one, anfwering to the diaftole of the other.

Q. What is the use of the arteries?

A. To convey the blood from the heart to all parts of the body.

Q. What are the principal arteries of the human body?

A. The aorta vel arteria magna, and the arteria pulmonalis: all the other arteries of the body, though diftinguished by particular names, are only branches of these two.

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Q. What is the aorta, and how diffributed?

A. The aorta vel arteria magna is a large artery which comes out from the left ventricle of the heart in a fingle trunk, above its valves, called femilunares vel figmoides; from this all the other arteries proceed, and by which the whole mass of blood is conveyed to all parts of the body. The aorta is by anatomifts generally divided into the aorta afcendens and aorta defcendens, though both are but one and the fame trunk. It is termed afcendens, from where it leaves the heart to the extremity of the great curvature, or arch. The descendens is that part of the trunk which, after the arch-like inflection, defcends through the thorax and abdomen, down to the os facrum; and is ufually larger in women than in men.

Q. How is the aorta afcendens diffributed ?

A. The aorta, before it perforates the pericardium, affords to the heart itself the arteriæ coronariæ; and then paffing the pericardium, it is termed aorta ascendens; when, after ascending two or three inches upwards, its trunk is bent in manner of an arch, from which arifes three afcending branches that form the carotid and fubclavian arteries. The right carotid and fubclavian proceed first in one trunk, but the left carotid and fubclavian immediately fingle; the left carotid forming the middle branch. From the two fubclavian branches (while yet within the breaft) near the uppermost rib, proceeds, 1. arteria intercostalis superior, proper to the four upper ribs; 2. arteria mammaria, proper to the breafts; 3. cervicalis, proper

per to the mufcles of the neck and head, and by communication, partly to the brain; 4. carotis, the external, proper to the larynx, tongue, neck, head, and brain; the internal chiefly to the brain. When the fubclavian branches have left the cavity of the thorax, they are termed axillares, which are diffributed to the outer parts of the breaft and arms by thoracica fuperior and inferior; 5. fcapularis; 6. humeralis; then they approach the arm, where they lie under the branches of the axillary vein, and pafs to all parts of the arm, bearing the fame names with the veins that accompany them.

Q. How is the aorta descendens distributed?

A. The aorta being reflected under the left lobe of the lungs, it commences aorta descendens; which name it keeps through the thorax and abdomen, where it paffes on the left fide of the fpine, till its division into iliac arteries, between the third and fourth vertebræ of the loins. This defcendent trunk, which is the greateft, being yet within the capacity of the thorax, fends, 1. intercostalis inferior, to the eight lower ribs; 2. bronchiales, to the lungs; 3. phrenicæ, to the diaphragm; 4. cæliaca, whofe branches are bestowed upon the liver, pancreas, fpleen, stomach, omentum, and duodenum; which are named from the parts they are beflowed on, except two upon the flomach, which are called coronaria ventriculi, fuperior et inferior; and one upon the duodenum, named intestinalis; 5. mesenterica superior, whose branches are bestowed upon all the intestinum Ç 3 jejunum,

jejunum, and ileum, part of the colon, and fometimes one branch upon the liver; 6. emulgentes, to the kidnies; 7. spermaticæ, to the peritonæum, ureters, tefticles, and epidydimes; 8. lumbares, to the loins; 9. mesenterica inferior, to the lower part of the colon, and the rectum; 10. muscula superior, to the muscles of the belly. As foon as the aorta divides upon the loins, it fends off an artery into the pelvis, upon the os facrum, called arteria facra; and the branches the aorta divides into, are called iliacæ, which, in about two inches space, divide into external and internal. The iliacæ internæ, fend, I. arteria inferior, to the muscles; 2. umbilicalis, which are collapfed in adult bodies, except at their beginnings, which are kept open for the collateral branches on each fide, one to the bladder, and one to the penis or uterus; 3. hypogastrica; the rest of the branches of the internal iliac are bestowed upon the buttocks, and upper parts of the thighs. The iliacæ externæ run over the offa pubis into the thighs, fending off, 1. epigastricæ, to the fore-part of the integuments of the abdomen under the recti muscles into the pelvis, and also through the foramina of the offa innominata, to the muscles of those parts: 2. inguinalis, to parts of the groin; 3. cruralis, to the thigh; 4. poplitea, to the ham; 5. tibialis antica et postica, which supply the leg, foot, and toes. Thus you have a defcription of all the large and finall capital branches of the aorta, which are for the most part disposed in pairs, and are uniform in most bodies; but the lesser branches are distributed,

buted, like the branches of trees, in fo different a manner in one body from another, that it is highly probable no two bodies are exactly alike, nor the two fides in any one body.

Q. How is the arteria pulmonaris diffributed?

A. Only through the lungs, but with a vaft number of ramifications. It arifes from the right ventricle of the heart, and foon divides into two branches, one to each lobe of the lungs, then they are fubdivided into fmaller and fmaller branches, until they are diftributed through every part of the lungs. The extreme branches, both of the arteries and veins, have very numerous communications, like those in the stamina of the leaves of plants; by which communications, the blood that is obstructed in any particular veffel, may pass off by other veffels that are not obstructed, &c. and as many of the leffer veffels are more exposed to preffure than any of the large ones, those communications in the leffer veffels are therefore made more numerous. By fuch communications the blood circulates in a limb that has had part amputated, and the fluids contained in a large inflammation, fuppurates into one cavity. It is computed, that each ventricle of the heart holds five ounces of blood (and they are filled and emptied every fystole and diastole) and that there are commonly eighty pulses in a minute; if fo, there then flows twenty-five pounds of blood through each ventricle of the heart in a minute, Dr. Keil has shown, that the fum of all the fluids in a man exceed the fum of all the folids; and yet the C 4 quantity quantity of blood which all the visible arteries of a man will contain, is lefs than four pounds; and if we may suppose all the visible veins, including the vena portæ, hold four times as much, the whole, then, that the visible veffels contain, is not twenty pounds; but the whole that they do contain, is little more than the veins can contain, feeing the arteries are always found almost empty in dead bodies. How much the invisible arteries and veins contain, however, (I mean those which contain fuch a compound fluid as is found in the larger veffels) there is no way to judge, unlefs we knew what proportion thefe veffels bear to those that carry the nutritious juices and ferum (if there are fuch) without the globuli of the blood. It is probable, that in all animals the velocity of the blood, as well as the neceffity of food, is, cæteris paribus, in proportion to their quantity of action : if fo, it appears how those animals which use no exercise, and whose blood moves extremely flow in the winter, can fubfift without any fresh supply of food; while others that use a little more exercise require a little more food; and those who use equal exercife winter and fummer, require equal quantities of food at all times; the end of eating and drinking being to repair, what exercise and the motion of the blood have deftroyed, or made useles: and is not the less velocity of the blood in fome animals than in others, the reafon why wounds and bruifes in those animals do not fo foon deftroy life, as they do in animals whofe blood moves fwifter.

Q. What occafions the pulfe?

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A. When the left ventricle of the heart contracts, and throws its blood into the aorta, or great artery, the blood in the artery is not only thrust forward towards the extremities, but the channel of the artery is likewife dilated; becaufe fluids, when they are prefied, prefs again to all fides, and their preffure is always perpendicular to the fide of the containing veffels: but the coats of the artery by any fmall impetus may be diftended : therefore upon the contraction of the heart, the blood from the left ventricle will not only prefs the blood in the artery forwards, but both together will diftend the fides of the artery. When the impetus of the blood against the fides of the artery ceases, that is, when the left ventricle ceafes to contract, the fpiral fibres of the artery, by their natural elafticity, return again to their former state, and contract the channel of the artery till it is again dilated by the fystole of the heart. This diaftole of the artery is its pulfe, and the time the fpiral fibres are returning to their natural state, is the diftance between two pulses. The pulse is in all the arteries of the body nearly at the fame time; for whilft the blood is thruft out of the heart into the artery, the artery being full, the blood must move in all the arteries about the fame time; and becaufe the arteries are conical, and the blood moves from the basis of the cone to the apex, therefore the blood must strike against the fides of the veffels, and confequently every part of the artery must be dilated at or about the fame time that the blood is thrown out of the left ventricle of the heart; and as foon

foon as the elafticity of the fpiral fibres can overcome the impetus of the blood, the arteries are again contracted. Thus thefe are two caufes, which operate alternately, and keep the blood in a continual motion, viz. the heart, and fibres of the arteries; but becaufe the one is ftronger than the other, therefore, though the blood runs continually, yet when the artery is opened, it is feen to move per faltum. The principle of life ftimulates the heart to contract, thus the blood is propelled into the aorta; the fame principle of life is continued in its influence through the arteries, ftimulating their mufcular fibres to action; thus the circulation is continued, and the pulfe is duly maintained.

Q. What are veins?

A. Veins are tubes or veffels which carry the blood from all parts of the body to the heart. They are composed principally of a membramous, a vafcular, and a mufcular tunic, the fame with those of the arteries, only the mufcular coat is much thinner; as thin in all the veins as it is in the capillary arteries; the preffure of the blood against the fides of the veins being lefs than that against the fides of the arteries. The veins are only a continuation of the extreme capillary arteries, reflected back again towards the heart, which, uniting their channels as they approach it, at laft form three large primary veins, viz. the vena cava, vena portæ, and the vena pulmonaris. In the veins there is no pulse, because the blood is thrown into them with a continued ftream, and because it moves from a narrow channel to a wider. The capillary

lary veins unite with one another, as I have faid of the capillary arteries. The veins accompany the arteries in almost every part of the body, and have the fame names in the feveral parts with the arteries which they accompany. The veins of the limbs are more than double the number of the arteries, there being one on each fide each artery, even to the fmalleft branches that we can trace, befides the veins which lie "inime incly under the fkin. The external veins have frequent communications with the internal, and are always fulleft when we use the most exercife; becaufe the blood being expanded by the heat which exercise produces, it requires the veffels to be diftended ; and the inner veffels being compressed by the actions of the muscles, they cannot dilate enough; but these veffels being feated on the outfides of the mufcles, are capable of being much dilated. In all the veins which are perpendicular to the horizon, excepting those of the uterus, and the vena portæ, there are finall membranes or valves; fometimes there is only one, fometimes there are two, and fometimes three placed together, like fo many half thimbles fluck to the fides of the veins, with their mouths towards the heart. In the motion of the blood towards the heart, they are preffed clofely to the fides of the veins; but if the blood should fall back, it must repel the valves, fo that no blood can repais them, or return towards the extreme parts from whence it came. The blood diffributed to all parts of the body by the two arteries, the aorta and pulmonary, is returned by the three veins called vena cava,

cava, vena portæ, and pulmonary vein. The vena cava carries back to the right auricle of the heart the blood conveyed by the aorta to all the parts of the body, except what goes by the coronary arteries of the heart. It receives all this blood from the arterial ramifications in part directly, and in part indirectly. The vena portæ receives the blood carried to the floating wifcera of the abdomen (by the cæliac artery, and the two mefenteric arteries) and conveys it to the hepatic vein, and from thence to the vena cava. The pulmonary vein conveys to the pulmonary finus, or left auricle of the heart, the blood carried to the lungs by the pulmonary artery.

Q. How is the vena cava distributed ?

A. The vena cava arifes with a larger finus from the right auricle of the heart, where it first fends out a vein to the heart itfelf, called the coronary vein, and is then divided into two trunks; one running upward, called vena cava descendens vel superior (because the blood defcends through it to the heart) but the ancients, respecting the direction of the tubes or veffels only, called them the reverfe, viz. the superior afcendens, and the inferior defcendens, The moderns name them as here mentioned, according to the flowing of the blood through them. The defcending, or fuperior trunk, is diffributed chiefly to the thorax, head, and upper extremeties, and but very little to the parts below the diaphragm. The afcending, or inferior trunk, is distributed chiefly to the abdomen and

and lower extremities, and but very little to the parts above the diaphragm.

Q. How is the vena cava fuperior (called alfo vena cava defcendens) diftributed?

A. The vena cava fuperior (called alfo vena cava descendens) a little higher than the aorta, as high as the cartilage of the first true rib, terminates by a bifurcation or division into the right and left fubclavian branches, which are of unequal lengths, because the trunk of the vena cava lies more towards the right fide, where the left fubclavian arifes as well as the right, and is confequently longeft. From the heart to the bifurcation of the trunk of the fuperior cava, arife the following veins, viz. vena (azygos, fine pari, which fend branches to the eight lower ribs, and another to the left emulgent vein; 2. intercostalis superior, one on each fide, which afford branches to the four upper ribs (if the azygos doth not beftow branches on all the interffices of the coftæ) the remarkable veins and arteries as well as nerves relating to the cofta, are couched in a furrow on the under edge of each rib, where they fafely pafs; 3. bronchialis, which accompanies the bronchial artery to return the blood to the cava. This vein in some subjects indeed, does not rise separate, but comes from the azygos, and fometimes from the intercostals, and in fome is altogether wanting. After fending off fome finall branches, the cava paffeth to the clavicle, where it divides itfelf (as before mentioned) into a right and left fubclavian branch, then fends off fome fmall branches to the muscles of the neck and upper

per part of the breaft; and thefe four capital branches, viz. jugularis externa et interna, verna, vertebralis, and axillaris; but this laft is rather a continuation than a branch of the fubclavian; 1. jugularis externa, chiefly to the external parts of the throat, neck, and head; and its branches receives names from the parts they are distributed to, as frontalis, temporalis occipitalis, &c. 2. jugularis interna, to the internal parts of the head and neck, which gives ramifications to the larynx, pharynx, muscles of the os hyoides and tongue; and befides thefe, its trunk terminates in a fack, and brings back the blood from the brain and finuses of the dura mater; 3. vertebralis, which afcends to the cranium through the transverse apophyses of the vertebræ of the neck; and with the cervicalis (which is generally a branch of this vein) fupplies the mufcles of the neck, accompanying the vetebral artery through all the transverse apophyfes of the vertebræ colli, all the way to. the great foramen occipitale, communicating with the occipital veins, and fmall occipital finuses of the dura mater. The fubclavian branch going out of the throrax on each fide, is termed, 4. axillaris, which is rather a continuation of the fubclavian, than a diftinct branch; before it leaves the thorax, it fends off venæ thoracicæ, which are fpent on the mufcles of the thorax. From the axillaris (after it leaves the capacity of the thorax) branches are fent off to the external and internal muscles of the scapula, &c. and to the axillary glands; and having reached the fide of the head of the os humeri, It

it fends forth cephalica to the arm (which creeps along between the fkin and the mufcles): the axillaris then runs along the arm by the name of vena bafilica; but both this, and the cephalica, may be looked upon as two principal branches of the axillaris; both are diffributed, by numerous ramifications, to all parts of the arm, fore-arm, and hand. At the bend of the elbow (or flexure of the cubit) they form three capital branches; the uppermoft is called cephalica; the middle, mediana, and the next, bafilica. The vein which runs over the back of the hand, towards the little finger, is called the falvatella.

Q. How is the vena cava inferior (called alfo vena cava ascendens) distributed?

A. The vena cava inferior vel afcendens, is remarkable for its valves, which ferve to prevent the blood from returning towards the extremities: it is diffributed thus, 1. immediately after it paffes out of the pericardium, it perforates the diaphragm, to which it gives the venæ diaphragmaticæ inferiores, or phrenicæ; 2. hepaticæ, to the liver; 3. renales vel emulgentes to the kidneys; 4. spermatica, to the tefficles; 5. lumbares, to the loins and their vertebræ; after this, the trunk having reached the os facrum, it there lofes the name of cava; and terminating by a bifurcation like that of the defcending aorta, it fends off the vena facra to accompany the artery of the fame name, and then divides into the two venæ iliacæ, each of which is divided into two large trunks, or fecondary iliac veins: this fecond bifurcation is about a finger's,

finger's breadth below that of the iliac arteries. The original iliacs are diffinguished into the right and left; and the fecondary iliacs (which are four trunks) are named external and internal, or anterior and posterior. The two external trunks are also named fimply iliaca, and the two internal, hypogastriæ; the former seems to be a true continuation of the original iliac trunk, but the latter only a branch, I mean in adult bodies, for in a fœtus there is a manifest difference. From the hypograftica arife the musculares; hæmorrhoidales externæ, and other branches to the parrs of generation, bladder, anus, &c. From the external branches goes the epigraftica to the muscles of the belly and hips; after this, the iliac branches paffing out of the abdomen, are termed cruralis, and from thence arife, 1. faphena, passing between the muscles and integuments (only covered with the skin and fat) from the inguen to the knee, ankle, upper part of the foot and great toe; 2. faphena minor, to the back part of the thigh and leg, and to the heel; 3. poplitea, formed of a double crural branch, runs through the ham, on the back of the gastrocnemii to the tendo achillis; 4. tibialis anterior, runs down the fore part of the leg, between the mufculus tibialis anticus, and the extensor digitorum communis, to the upper part of the foot; 5. tibialis posterior vel suralis, is distributed through the calf and back part of the leg (as the anterior is on the fore-part) down to the heel and foot; 6. peronæa, runs down on the infide of the fibula as low as the outer ankle, fometimes double,

double, fometimes triple, fending ramifications to the neighbouring portions of the mufculi peronæi and long flexors of the toes.

Q. How is the vena portæ diftributed? A. The vena portæ, in its structure, has some refemblance to a tree, being divided into innumerable branches, which are difperfed throughout the whole fubftance of the liver. Where the trunk begins to divide, it conftitutes the finus portæ in the liver, and from this proceeds the numberless ramifications as before mentioned. The roots, or inferior branches of this vein, are divided into right and left; but first the trunk fends off, 1. cyfticæ gemellæ, to the vefica fellis; 2. gastrica dextra, to the stomach; 3. duodenalis vel inteftinalis, to the inteftinum duodenum; and from this laft often proceeds the pancreaticæ. From the right branch (before mentioned) arife, 1. mefentericæ, to the melentery and inteftines; 2. hæmorrhoidalis interna, to the rectum; 3. epiploicæ dextraæ, to the caul, the right fide of the cæliac artery. From the left branch, which paffeth to the fpleen and is called splenica, arife, 1. gastricæ (which are various); 2. coronaria ventriculi, proceeding from the former, and diftributed on the ftomach; 3. vafa brevia, which are formed by fome of the branches of the coronaria ventriculi and splenica; 4. epiploica finistra, and 5. gastro-epiploicæ, to the caul and stomach, the left fide of the cæliac artery; 6. pancreaticæ, to the pancreas; and fometimes alfo the hæmorrhoidalis interna. All venal branches may be accounted the roots, in regard that their leffer branches Ð

branches first reforb the refiduous blood depofited in any part by the arteries, and carry the fame into their greater branches, and fo into the trunk : thus the blood is carried by the veins and their branches to the liver; and from all parts of the body by the branches of the cava into its afcending and defcending trunk, which convey it to the heart. The distribution of the veins is fo various, that it is rare to fee fubcutaneous veins in any two perfons alike.

Q. How is the vena pulmonaris diffributed?

A. The vena pulmonaris arifes from the left ventricle of the heart, where it first forms a finus, then is divided into four branches, and afterwards into innumerable ramifications, which are distributed through the whole substance of the lungs, and accompany the pulmonary artery, to return the blood into the heart.

Q. What are nerves?

A. The nervous fystem confists of the brain, cerebellum, medulla oblongata, medulla spinalis, and the nerves, with their ganglia. But the nerves are bundles of whitifh, cylindrical fibres, arifing from the medulla oblongata of the brain, and the medulla fpinalis, from which they go out in pairs like fo many diftinct trunks, and are afterwards divided into branches, ramifications, and filaments, and terminate in all the fensitive parts of the body, being the immediate organs of fenfation. They are all wrapt up in the dura and pia mater, which last covers all the nerves in common, and alfo inclofes every fibre (of which they are composed) in particular. To these membranous coats, an infinite number in atomists mean

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number of veffels, both arteries and veins, are distributed. Though the nerves do not appear through the best microscope to have any cavity or fluid contained in them, yet it is poffible (and indeed it is the general opinion) that there may be fuch cavities, and also highly probable (from the experiments of Bellini and others) that there is fuch a fluid, though too fubtile to be perceived by us. This fluid (named animal fpirits) is fuppofed to be conveyed by the nerves to all parts of the body, being an extreme fubtile fluid, fecreted in the brain and fpinal marrow, and is thought to be deftined for no lefs noble a purpose than the sensation, motion, and nutrition of the feveral parts of the human ftructure. But the existence of this fluid and the cavity of the nerves, are still the fubjects of difpute, though I am inclined to favour both. Those who deny animal spirits in the nerves, fuppole that the fenfation is conveyed by vibration, which, though it feems to me improbable, yet it is poffible it may be conveyed either or both ways (though at prefent undetermined) and probably fome nerves may be fo fmall, as to escape even microscopical observation likewife. The harmony and fympathy of the nervous parts is of great use in physic; for without an accurate knowledge of this, many fymptoms of difeafes can fcarcely be explained. There is a wonderful connection, fympathy, and communication of motion as well as fenfation, when they are affected by any violent caufe; all which is owing to the nerves; for when any violence is offered them, fo as to threaten a folution D 2

tion of union, it creates a pain and stricture of the adjacent and even of the remote parts, especially of the veffels. The nerves generally run as strait as the parts of the body and their own fafety from external injuries will admit, fending off their branches at very acute angles, and confequently running more parallel than the blood-vefiels; and I am inclined to think that every the minutest nerve, terminating in any part, is a diffinct chord from its origin, or elfe I do not fee how they could produce diffinct fenfations in every part of the body; and the diftinct points of fenfation throughout the body are fo very numerous, that the whole body of nerves (which, taken together, would not make a chord of an inch diameter) must be divided into fuch a number, to afford one for every part that has a diffinct fendation, that furely such a nerve would be too fmall to be feen by the beft microscope.

Q. How are the nerves divided ?

A. The nerves are divided into those which come immediately out of the cranium from the brain; and those which come out between the vertebræ from the medulla fpinalis.

Q. How are the nerves from the brain diftributed?

A. The nerves from the brain, or medulla oblongata, are ten pair, and are thus diftributed, viz. 1. the olfactory pair, which paffing through the os cribofum, vel ethmoides, vel cribriforme, are fpread over the membrane of the noftrils; 2. the optic pair, which, by their expansion, form the retina of the eye; 3. the motory

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motory pair of the eyes, each of which is divided near the orbit into fix parts or branches; the first branch goes to the elevator palpebræ; the fecond, to the elevator occuli; the third, to the depreffor; the fourth, to the adducens; the fifth to the obliquus inferior; and the fixth, into the tunics of the eye; 4. the pathetic pair, are very fmall, and run to the obliquus superior, or trochlear muscle of the eye; 5. the gustatory pair, which are very large, and divided within the cranium into three branches, immediately under the dura mater : of thefe, the first branch, called the ophthalmic, runs to various parts of and about the eye, the eye-lids, the muscles of the forehead and nose, and the integuments of the face; the fecond branch may be called the fuperior maxillary one, as being finally distributed through all parts of the upper jaw, the lips, nofe, palate, uyula, gums and teeth; a branch of it alfo runs to the ear, and, joining with a branch of the feventh pair, forms the chorda tympani; the third branch may be called the maxillaris inferior, as being diffributed over the feveral parts of the lower jaw, the tongue, and other parts of the mouth; whence the whole pair of nerves has obtained the name of par gustatorium; though a great part of them serves to very different purposes, and is carried to parts that have nothing to do with tafting; 6. the abducent pair (except a branch for the formation of the intercostal nerve) is wholly carried to the abducens occuli; whence its name. The intercostal nerve is formed either of ramifications of the two preceding nerves, or

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or only of those of the fixth pair. It makes its way out of the cranium by the paffage of the internal carotid, and defcends near the eighth pair through the neck, and thence through the breaft and abdomen, even to the pelvis, making in its way, various plexufes and ganglia, and fending branches to almost all the parts contained in the breaft and abdomen; 7. the auditory pair arife with two trunks, one of which is called the portio dura, and the other portio mollis: this last enters the foramen of the os petrofum; and thence, through various little apertures, gets into the labyrinth of the ear, where it is expanded over all its parts, and conftitutes the primary organ of hearing. The harder portion, paffing through the aquæductus Fallopii, fends back one branch into the cavity of the cranium; it also fends off another branch, which helps to form the chorda tympani, and others, to the muscles of the tympanum; the reft of this pair goes to the external ear, the pericranium, the muscles of the os hyoides, the lips, the eye-lids, and the parotids; 8. the par vagum, with the accefforius Williffi, pafs out near the lateral finufes of the dura mater; and defcending through the neck and thorax to the abdomen, fend out branches by the way to the larynx, the pharynx, heart, lungs, and efpecially to the ftomach; it alfo fends off, from the upper part of the thorax, large branches, which are varioufly implicated in the neck, thorax, and abdomen; with the linguals, the cervicals, and the intercoftals; 9. the lingual pair go immediately to the tongue, and

and are called by fome, the motory nerves of the tongue; but by others, with more juffice, the guftatory nerves; 10. this pair comes out from the beginning of the medulla fpinalis, betwixt the os occipitis and first vertebra colli, and is all, except what goes to the ganglion of the intercostal, fpent on the musculi obliqui, and extensores capitis. But we are to observe, fays Heister, that the pair of nerves which the generality of writers have called the tenth pair of the head, are, for many unanswerable reasons, to be properly called the first pair of nerves of the neck.

Q. How are the nerves from the medulla fpinalis diffributed?

A. The nerves which come out between the vertebræ from the medulla spinalis are generally reckoned thirty pair, viz. the nerves of the neck are eight pair; the nerves of the back, twelve pair; the nerves of the loins, five pair; and those of the facrum form five or fix pair, though not always determinately and regularly fo. From the nerves of the neck are innumerable branches diftributed through the muscles of the head, neck, scapula, and humerus; from the third, fourth, and fifth pair, are formed the nerves of the diaphragm; and the fixth, feventh, and eighth pair, together with the first pair of the back, form the fix robust nerves of the arms and hands; to this division are the acceffory fpiral nerves of Willis to be referred, which arife about the origin of the third or fourth pair. The nerves of the back, befides the branch D 4 they

they give to the brachial nerves, run entirely in the fame furrow along the course of the ribs, and are difperfed over the pleura, the intercoftal, pectoral, and abdominal mufcles, the breaft, and other parts of the thorax. The nerves of the loins are generally difperfed over the loins, the peritonæum, integuments and muscles of the abdomen; and befides this, their first pair often gives on each fide, a branch to the diaphragm; the fecond pair, after inofculating with the branches of the first, third, and fourth pairs, forms the crural nerves, which are diffributed over the anterior part of the thigh; and in the fame manner a branch is formed of the conjunctions of the fecond, third, and fourth pairs, which passes through the great forum of the os pubis, to the fcrotum, tefticles, and the adjoining parts; the fourth and fifth pair of the nerves of the loins, joining with the first, fecond, third, and fourth pair of the os facrum, compose the nerve called ischiatic, which is the largeft in the body; it defcends along the hinder part of the thigh, and its branches are diftributed over the whole leg, the foot and toes. The nerves of the facrum form five or fix pair, and pass through the foramina of this bone: the fuperior of them, as I have already observed, compose the ischiatic nerve; and what remains, is difperfed in a multitude of ramifications over. the parts contained in the pelvis, the inteftinum rectum, the bladder, the parts of generation, and the parts adjacent.

(See the Tables of the Arteries, Veins, and Nerves.) Q. What

Q. What are lymphæducts or lymphatic veins?

A. Lymphæducts, or lymphatic veins, are fine transparent tubes or veffels, which carry lymph from all parts, especially the glands, which they discharge into the thoracic duct, and through it into the blood by the left fubclavian vein. Though the coats of these vessels are very thin they are ftrong. Both the lymphatic and lacteal veffels have a denfe internal coat which is fmooth and polished on the infide; this is connected to a middle coat by a reticular fubftance; and the outer coat is a membrane fomewhat fimilar to the pleura or the peritonæum. They are not continuations of arteries, but have their origin in all the cavities and cellular fubstance of the body; they are more numerous in glands than other parts, efpecially in those glands which separate the viscidest fluids, as may be observed in the liver and testes. The lymphatics have many valves at fmall and uncertain distances, to prevent the regress of their fluid; and they have frequent communications like the veins. The larger trunks are in many places attended with finall glands, through which they run, and at the fame time fend communicant branches over them, as a fecurity against obstructions from difeases in those glands: they all ultimately terminate in that part of the thoracic duct called the receptaculum chyli. The coats of the lacteal and lymphatic veffels, have in common with all other parts of the body, arteries, and veins for their nourishment. They have also nerves from the blood

blood veffels running through them, they are fubject to inflammation, and from their numerous nerves they are as irritable as any veffels in the body.

Q. What are the uses of the lymphatics?

A. The use of the lymphatics is to dilute the chyle and abforb the fluids which are thrown into the several interffices of the body, thereby preventing any morbid accumulation. When a lymphatic vessel burst, it occasions a dropfy in the cavity into which it opens. The lymphatics are perfectly similar to the lacteals. The lacteals are the absorbents of the intestines, as the lymphatics are of the other parts; there is no difference but the name. The same vesfels are called lacteals in the intestines, and lymphatics in the other parts of the body.

Q. What are glands?

A. Glands are fmall bodies formed by the interweaving of veffels of every kind, covered with a membrane; generally composed of an artery. They have been defined to be appendages to the fanguiferous, and lamphatic fyftems, and that have the power of inducing changes on the fluids that are brought to them, or feparating particular parts from the general mass. The glands are of two kinds, viz. the fimple, called conglobate glands; and the compound, named conglomerate glands. Some glands are confiderably hard and firm; others very foft and tender ; of the latter kind in particular are the glands in the articulations of the bones. The glands differ very confiderably in colour, figure, and fize; fome take their names from

from their peculiar figure; as the glandula pinealis, the miliares, and others; fome, from their use and contents, as falival glands, mucose and lymphatic, &c. and others take their names from their fituation; fuch are the parotid glands, axillary, inguinal, mefenteric, lingual, &c.

Q. What are the uses of the glands?

A. To fecrete fluids from the mafs of blood for divers purpofes, fuch as perfecting the lymph, &c. Their ufes are as different as their colours or figures; fome of them are falival, mucofe, and lymphatic; others are mucilaginous, febaceous, and waxy; others lachrymal, pituitary, &c. and from thefe their feveral contents or fecretions, they are termed lachrymal, &c.

Q. What is a conglobate gland?

A. A conglobate gland is a little finooth body wrapt up in a fine fkin or membrane, by which it is feparated from all other parts, only admitting an artery and a nerve to pafs in, and giving way to a vein and excretory canal or duct, to come out; of which fort are the glands of the brain and teftes. Winflow includes, under the name of conglobate glands, the lymphatic glands alone, and calls all the other glands of the body by the name of conglomerate.

Q. What is a conglomerate gland ?

A. A conglomerate gland is that which is composed of feveral little conglobate glands, all tied up together in one common tunicle or membrane. Sometimes all their excretory ducts unite, and make one common pipe, through which the liquor of them all runs, as the pancreas

creas and parotides do. Sometimes the ducts uniting, form feveral pipes, which only communicate with one another by crofs canals; and fuch are the mammæ; others again have feveral pipes without any communication with one another; of which forts are the glandulæ lachrymales, and proftatæ; and a fourth fort is, when each little gland has its own excretory duct, through which it tranfmits its liquor to a common baion; as the kidneys.

Q. What are excretory veffels?

A. Excretory veffels are either tubes from glands to convey the fedreted fluids to their refpective places; or veffels from the fmall guts to carry the chyle to the blood veffels; thefe laft are called vafa lactea, or lacteal veffels.

Q. What are the lacteal veffels?

A. The vafa lactea, or lacteal veffels, are the venæ lactæ, receptaculum chyli, and ductus thoracicus, filled with a white milky fluid, called chyle.

Q. What are the venæ lactæ?

A. The venæ lactæ, &c. have the name of veins, becaufe their valves are difpofed as the ordinary blood veins, and becaufe the fluid which they contain runs from fmaller into larger tubes or veffels. The lacteal veins are long, flender pipes, whofe coats are fo thin as to become invifible when they are not diffended with chyle. They arife from all the parts of the fmall guts, by a vaft number of fine capillary pellucid tubes, which, as they run from the fides of the inteftines to the glands in the mefentery, fentery, frequently unite, and form fewer and larger branches (called venæ lacteæ primi generis) which pais through the glands of the mesentery; and from these arise other lacteals of a larger fize (named lactea fecundi generis) which carry the chyle immediately into the receptaculum chyli. The mouths of these lacteals, which are open into the cavity of the guts, from whence they receive the chyle, are fo fmall, as not to be feen by the very best microfcope; it was neceffary they fhould be finaller than the finest arteries in the body, that nothing might enter which could ftop the circulation of the blood. The fame extremity of the lacteals has likewife communication with the capillary arteries of the guts, by which they receive a lymth that dilutes and propels the chyle forwards, and washes the lacteals and glands, that they may not be obstructed by the chyle's staying in them upon fafting. The other extremity of the lacteals discharges the chyle into the veficular cells of the mefenteric glands, &c. as I have before mentioned. The lacteal veins have valves at certain diftances, which hinder the chyle from returning back into the inteftines. The office of these veins is to receive the fluid part of the digefted aliment, which is called chyle, and convey it to the receptaculum chyli, that it may be thence carried through the ductus thoracicus into the blood veffels.

Q. What is the receptaculum chyli?

A. The receptaculum chyli is a membranous, fomewhat pyriform, bag, two-thirds of an inch long, long, one-third of an inch over in its largest part when collapfed, fituated on the first vertebra lumborum to the right of the aorta, a little higher than the arteria emulgent dextra, under the right inferior mufcle of the diaphragm. It is formed by the union of three tubes; one, from under the aorta; the fecond, from the interffice of the aorta and cava; the third, from under the emulgents of the right fide. It lies between the descending trunk of the aorta and the above vertebræ, and is biggeft between the cæliac and emulgent arteries, furrounded by vesicular glands, called glandulæ lumbares, which discharge their lymph into it. The receptacle receives all the fecond order of the lacteals, as well as all the lymphatic veins, both of the legs and of all parts of the abdomen. This faccus chyliferus will contain about one ounce of water; at its fuperior part becoming gradually smaller, it is contracted into a slender membranous pipe, of about a line diameter, called the ductus thoracicus.

N. B. Anatomifts have ufually defcribed a receptaculum chyli, but there is no fuch thing in the human fubject; the thoracic duct is indeed fomething larger here than above, but is nothing more.

Q. What is the ductus thoracicus?

A. The ductus thoracicus, or thoracic duct, is the fuperior part of the receptaculum chyli contracted into a flender, membranous pipe, of about a line diameter, which paffes between the appendices mufculofæ diaphragmatis, on the right of, and fomewhat behind, the aorta, then lodged

lodged in the cellular fubstance under the pleura; it mounts between this artery and the vena fine. pari, or azigos, as far as the fifth vertebræ thoracis, where it is hid by the azygos, as this vein rifes forward to join the cava defcendens; after which, the duct paffes obliquely over to the left fide under the cefophagus, aorta descendens, and great curvature of the aorta, until it reaches the left carotid, ftretching farther towards the left internal jugular, by a circular turn, whole convex part is uppermost; at the top of this arch it splits into two, for one half line; the fuperior branch receiving into it a large lymphatic from the cervical gland. This lymphatic appears, by blowing and injections, to have two valves : when the two branches are united, the duct continues its course to the internal jugular, behind which it defcends; and immediately at the left fide of the infertion of this vein, enters the fuperior and posterior part of the left fubclavian, whofe internal membrane duplicated, forms a femilunar externally convex valve, that covers two-thirds of the orifice of the duct : immediately below this orifice a cervical vein, from the musculi scaleni, enters the fubclavian. The ductus thoracicus has a thin coat, and valves, at feveral diftances (commonly ten or twelve) which hinder the chyle that has once paffed them, from falling back. The diameter of the duct varies in most bodies; and in the fame fubject is uniform: but frequently fudden enlargements, or facculi of it, are observable. The divisions which authors mentioned of this duct within the thorax,

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rax, are very uncertain; as is the precife vertebra, where it begins to turn towards the left. Frequently it does not fplit at its fuperior arch; in which cafe, a large faccus is found near its aperture into the fubclavian vein : generally it has but one orifice, though I have feen two in one body, and three in another; nay, fometimes it divides into two, under the curvature of the great artery, one going to the right, another to the left fubclavian : this, however, is very rare. The lymphatic which enters the fuperior arch, is often fent from the thyroid gland. The thoracic duct receives the lymphæducts from the feveral parts of the thorax, as it paffes along to the fubclavian vein : by its running up to the left fide, the chyle receives a new impetus from the pulfation of the aorta; whereas, on the right fide, it must have ascended only by the preffure of the diaphragm, and the muscles of the lower belly upon the receptacle, which it equally enjoys in its present situation. The receptaculum chyli is eafily found in living bodies, but with greater difficulty in those that are dead.

Q. What are membranes?

A. Membranes are a pliable texture of fibres intervoven together, and expanded, to cover or line any other part. Every diffinct part of the body is covered, and every cavity is lined with a fingle membrane, whofe thicknefs and ftrength is as the bulk of the part it belongs to, and as the friction to which it is naturally expofed. The membranes of the body are various, and varioufly denominated : those which ferve

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as integuments, or covers of veffels, are called tunics or coats; those that cover the brain, meninges; the skull, pericranium; the bones in general, periosteum; that which lines the thorax, pleura; the abdomen, peritonæum; and that which includes the heart, pericardium. The muscles too, are each inclosed in a peculiar membrane; as are the bowels, &c.

Q. What are the uses of the membranes?

A. The uses of the membranes are to cover and wrap up the parts, ftrengthem them, and fave them from external injuries; those that contain diftinct parts, keep the parts they contain together, and render their furfaces fmooth, and lefs liable to be lacerated by the actions of the body; and those which line cavities ferve to render the cavities fmooth and fit for the parts they contain to move against. The membranes are not only of use to join one part to another, but also to preferve the natural heat, to fustain fmall veffels, and the nerves, which run through their duplicatories; to ftop the returning of the humours in their veffels (as the valves ftop the returning of the blood in the veins and heart) of the chyle in the the thoracic duct, and of the lymph, in the lymphatic veffels. The membranes of all the cavities that contain folid parts, are fludded with glands, or are provided with veffels which feparate a mucus to make the parts contained move fmoothly against one another, and not grow together; and those cavities which are exposed to the air, as the nofe, ears, mouth, and the trachea arteria, have their membranes befet with E. glands

glands which separate matter to defend them from the outer air.

Q. What are fibres?

A. Fibres appear to be fimple, thread-like bodies, which ferve to form other parts; hence fome are very hard, as the bony ones; and others foft, as the flefhy parts.

Q. What is hair composed of?

A. Of five or fix oblong, flender, flexible filaments, inclofed in a tube, and transparent, growing out of the pores, and is either strait or crooked, according to the rectitude or obliquity of the pores.

Q. What are nails?

A. A kind of bony excrefcence growing on the fingers and toes; according to fome their fubstance confists of the cutaneous papillæ, elongated and indurated in that form : others fay that they are a continuation of the epidermis. This last opinion agrees with experiments made by maceration, by means of which the epidermis may be feparated entire from the hands and feet, like a glove or fock. In this experiment we fee the nails part from the papillæ, and go along with the epidermis, to which they remain united like an appendix: and yet their fubstance and structure appears to be very different from that of the epidermis. Their fubftance like that of a horn, and they are composed of several planes of longitudinal fibres, foldered together. The graduated extremities or roots of all the fibres of which these planes confift, are hollowed for the reception of the fame number of very small oblique papillæ, which

which are continuations of the true skin, which having reached the root of the nail, forms a femilunar fold in which that root is lodged. After this femilunar fold, the skin is continued on the whole inner furface of the nail, the papillæ infinuating themfelves into the hollows of the fibres of the nails. The fold of the fkin is accompanied by the epidermis to the root of the nail exteriorly, to which it adheres very clofely. Three parts are generally diftinguished in the nail, the root, the body, and the extremity. The root is whole, and in the form of a crefcent; the body of the nail is naturally arched, transparent, and appears of the colour of the cutaneous papillæ which lie under it. The extremity of the nail does not adhere to any thing, and still continues to grow as often as it is cut. The principal use of the nails is to strengthen the ends of the fingers and toes, and to hinder them from being inverted towards the convex fide of the hand or foot, when we handle or prefs any thing hard. The nails thus ferve for buttreffes rather than for shields. The nails are neither vafcular nor fenfible.

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DIALOGUE II.

Of the HEAD and its PARTS.

Q. WHAT are the parts of the head, and how diftinguished?

A. The hair is termed capillus; that part which it covers is termed the fcalp; the crown of the head, vertex; the hinder part, occiput; the fore part, finciput: that part between the hair and the eye-brows, frons, the forehead; the fides of it tempora, the temples; the eyebrows, fupercilia; the fpace between the eyebrows, glabella; the eye-lids (both upper and lower) palpebræ fuperior et inferior, and the cartilaginous edges of both, with the hairs growing thereon, are termed cilia; the hollow of the eye, cavum oculi; the inner angle of the eye, canthus major; the outer corner of the eye, canthus minor; and the eye, oculus; which confifts of proper tunicles and humours. The ridge of the nofe is termed fpina nafi; the tip of the nofe, orbiculus, vel globulus nafi; the noftrils, nares; the partition between them, feptum nafi; the fides of the noftrils, alæ; the hairs growing within, vibrifæ: internally, the maxillary, sphenoidal, and frontal finuses. The outer ear is termed auricula, but more properly auris externa: in this there are a great many eminences and cavities; the upper part is termed pinna; the lower part, lobus, or fibra; the outer

outer circle, helix : the inner circle (or femicircle) antiheliz; the fpace between the two circles, fcapha; the lower end of the antihelix, or femicircle, makes a little prominence, which is called antitragus, becaufe there is another prominence just opposite to it, called tragus; the cavity made by the extremity of the helix, is called concha; the hollow of the middle of the ear, is termed alvearium, and has a hole or paffage into the internal ear, named meatus auditorius. The upper jaw is termed maxilla fuperior; the prominent part of the cheek, mala; the lower jaw, maxilla inferior; the hollow, or the cheeks ftretched out in blowing, bucca; the chin, mentum; the beard, or place where it grows on the upper lip, myftax; the gutter in the middle under the nose, is philtrum. The external parts of the mouth are the lips, one upper, and the other under: the internal parts are the gums, termed gingivæ; the teeth, dentes; the tongue, lingua; the roof of the mouth, palatum; with the uvula there fuspended for modulating the voice, &c. The other internal parts of the skull, eye, nose, ear, and mouth; fuch as the brain, glands, membranes, mufcles, &c. I shall speak of hereafter in the particular descriptions of these parts.

Q. What are the bones of the head ?

A. The bones of the cranium or fkull, which contains the brain, &c. the bones of the face, jaws, teeth, tongue, and internal ear.

Q. What are the bones of the cranium ? *

A. The bones of the cranium are but eight; though if we reckon the offa petrofa diffinctly E_3 from from the offa temporum, they are ten, viz. os frontis, osfa parietalia, two; osfa temporum, two; os occipitis, os ethmoides, os sphenoides.

Q. Which is the os frontis?

A. The os frontis is fituated in the fore-part of the skull, and forms that part of the face called the forehead; from whence its name. It is joined by future to the offa parietalia, ungues vel lachryma nafi, maxillaria, malarum, os ethmoides et sphenoides. The os frontis contains the anterior lobes of the brain: in its middle there is generally a ridge, or fpine, to ftrengthen it, and to which the longitudinal finus of the dura mater adheres; and from the middle of this bone externally, goes a process to support the bones of the nose; and the lower parts of the os frontis compose the upper parts of the orbits of the eyes. Immediately above the os ethmoides is a fmall blind hole, through which runs a vein to the longitudinal finus of the dura mater, and through the upper edge of each orbit, nerves, and an artery, pass to the forehead; and in each orbit, near the os planum, paffes a branch of the fifth pair of nerves. These vessels in some skulls make furrows in the os frontis, especially in the bones of children; we should therefore beware of transverse incisions on either side of this bone, which might either open these vessels, or hurt the nerves, while they are yet in part within the bone; for when veffels are thus wounded, it is difficult to ftop the hæmorrhage, because the adhesion of a part of the artery to the bone hinders its contraction, and confequently ftyptics can have but little

little effect; the fides of the furrow keep off compreffing fubftances from the artery; and cauteries fhould be fhunned, becaufe they render the bone carious, and by hurting the nerves, caufe convulfions. In the fubftance of this bone, near the nofe, are feveral finufes, more in fome fubjects than in others; in children feldom any. Thefe finufes, and the fpine in this bone, render it dangerous, if not impracticable, to apply a trephine on the middle and lower part of the forehead.

Q. What are the offa parietalia?

A. The offa parietalia (by fome named bregmati, or fincipitis) are two bones larger than any other in the skull, forming the superior and lateral parts of it, and to which the temporal muscles are partly fixed. Near the upper fides of these bones, towards the hind parts, is a small hole in each, through which a vein paffes from the integuments of the head to the longitudinal Sometimes a branch of the temporal finus. artery passes through this hole, to be distributed to the upper part of the falx, and to the dura mater at its fides, where it has frequent anaftomofes with the branches of the arteries derived from the external carotids, which commonly have the name of the arteries of the dura mater, and with the branches of the internal carotids which ferve the falx. In many skulls, one of the offa parietalia has not this hole; in others, there are two in one bone, and in some, not one in either. Most frequently this hole is through both tables; at E 4 other

other times the external table only is perforated. The knowledge of the course of these veffels may be of use to furgeons when they make any incifion near this part of the head; left, if the veffels are rashly cut near the hole, they shrink within the fubstance of the bone, and fo caufe an obstinate hæmorrhage, which neither compress nor ligatures can stop. Of the inner concave furface of these bones, and more particularly near their lower edge, are many deep furrows which fometimes form deep canals. In fome fkulls, a large furrow begins at the hole near the upper edge, and divides into branches. In a child born at the full time, none of the fides of thefe bones are completed; and there never is a hole in the offified part of it near to the fagittal future. All the bregma is generally offified before feven years of age.

Q. Which are the offa temporum ?

A. The offa temporum, vel fquamofa, are two bones fituated below the parietal bones, at the middle and lower parts of the fides of the fkull, from which proceed the mammillary and zygomatic proceffes; and it has an exterior finus lined with a cartilage, which receives the procefs of the lower jaw.

The offa petrofa lie between the former and the occipital bones, or are truly portions of the temporal bones, being never found feparate in adult bodies. In each of thefe bones there is an external and an internal procefs; the former is named ftyliformis; near it is the fixth foramen, through which the carotid arteries pass to the brain; and that on the infide of the skull, leading leading to the organs of hearing, is the feventh foramen; the latter process is called the os petrofum, which contains the whole meatus auditorius and cavity of the tympanum. In an infant, a small fifure is to be observed between the thin upper part and the lower craggy part of each temporal bone; neither massed nor ftyloid processes are yet to be seen. Instead of a bony funnel like external meatus auditorius, there is only a smooth bony ring, within which the membrane of the drum is fastened. At the entry of the eustachian tube, the side of the tympanum is not completed.

Q. Which is the os occipitis?

A. The os occipitis makes all the back part of the skull; it is bounded by the sphenoidal, temporal, petrofal, and parietal bones. This bone is articulated to the fpine; and between its apophyfes is the great or tenth foramen, through which the medulla oblongata defcends into the fpine, and the cervical arteries and vein pafs; on the infide of this bone is a crucial fpine; and on the outfide a fpine, or an apophyfis, to ftrengthen_ it : the thinner parts of this bone are also defended by the muscles that cover them, as blows here are of worfe confequence than on any other part of the skull; because wounds in the cerebellum, which is underneath, are mortal. Near the apophyses of this bone is the ninth foramen of the skull, through which pass the ninth pair of nerves; and behind each apophyfis of the occipital bone there is a foramen, or a finus, through which pass finuses from the lateral finuses of the external cervical veins, by

by means of which (as in all other communications of the finufes) the blood paffes from those that happen to be furcharged by any posture of the head, into those that, from the same posture, would have been almost empty.

Q. Which is the os ethmoides?

A. The os ethmoides, vel cribriforme, is a fmall bone, about two inches in circumference, lying in the fore part of the skull, and almost furrounded by the os frontis. It is full of holes like a fieve; it is a principal part of the organ of fmelling, and gives a very great extent to the pituitary membrane in a fmall compass; in the middle of this bone is the crifta galli process, and opposite to it a thin one, which in part divides the nofe. When the crifta is broke, its bafe is fometimes found to be hollow, with its cavity opening into the nofe. The procefs which defcends and divides the cavity of the nofe, is often not perpendicular, and fometimes inclines fo much to one fide, that with its flexure in its middle part it fills up a large fhare of one of the noftrils, and has been mistaken for a polypus there.

Q. Which is the os fphenoides?

A. The os fphenoides is fixed like a wedge in the midft of the os frontis, ethmoides, vomer, occipitis, maxillæ fuperioribus, offa parietalia, palati, malorum, temporum, and petrofum : on its infide is a cavity, named fella turcica, vel equina, and the four clinoid proceffes; under the two foremost of which, pass the internal carotid arteries : opposite to the fella turcica is a process, which makes part of the feptum narium :

rium : on the outfide of the skull, adjoining to the upper jaw, are the pterygoid proceffes; under the fella turcica, vel equina, in this bone is the fphenoidal finus, which is fometimes double, and opens into the noftrils; but fometimes it is totally wanting, efpecially in children. At the infide of the bafis of the two anterior clinoid proceffes, are the first foramina of the skull, through which the optic nerves pass: near this is the fecond foramina, through which pafs nerves and blood veffels into the orbits of the eyes; and towards the occiput are the third foramina, through which pafs nerves to the face; nearer the occiput are the fourth foramina, through which pass the largest branches of the fifth pair of nerves; and a ftraw's breadth farther are the fifth foramina, through which those branches of the carotid arteries enter, that are beftowed upon the dura mater.

Q. How are the bones of the fkull composed?

A. They are of unequal thicknefs in the feveral parts, and are composed of two lamellæ, or tables, laid over one another; between which there is a diploe, or meditullium, being a thin fpongeous fubftance, made of bony fibres detached from each lamina, and full of little cells. The tables are hard and folid, the fibres being close to one another. The diploe is foft, the bony fibres being here at a greater diftance (a contrivance of the all-wife Creator's) whereby the fkull is not only made lighter, but lefs liable to fractures. The diploe of feveral old fubjects is fo obliterated, that fcarce any veftige of it

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it can be seen; neither is it observable in some of the hard craggy bones at the bafe of the fkull. Hence an useful caution to surgeons who truft to the bleeding, want of refiftance, and change of found, as certain marks in the operation of the trepan, for knowing when their inftrument has fawed through the first table, and reached the diploe. In other people the diploe becomes of a monstrous thickness, while the tables of the skull are thinner than paper. The external lamina of the cranium is fmooth, and covered with the pericranium, which in other bones is called by the general name of periofteum, because of its adhering to the bone : it is found connected to the dura mater by fibres transmitted from it to that membrane through the futures. About the origin of the temporal muscles the coats of the pericranium part; the outer paffing over those muscles, and the inner still adhering close to the cranium. The internal lamina of the cranium, or infide of the Kull, is likewife fmooth, except the furrows made by the pulfation of the arteries of the dura mater, before the cranium was arrived at its confiftence. Surgeons should be cautious when they trepan here, left, in fawing or raifing the bone where fuch furrows are, they wound thefe veffels. All the bones of the cranium are found to be imperfect in new-born infants; the finus and its meditullium are almost wholly wanting.

Q. What are futures ?

A. Sutures are the clofing or joining together the bones of the skull, like the teeth of faws

faws fet one into another; and thefe are either common or proper; the proper futures are diftinguished into the true, and the false or spurious.

Q. Which are called true futures?

A. They are called true futures which are denticulated mutually into each other with a multitude of faw-like teeth, and are most plainly to be feen; fuch are the coronal, fagittal, and lambdoidal futures.

Q. Which are the false, or spurious sutures?

A. The falfe, or fpurious futures, are those fquamofe ones of the temporal and parietal bones, and of the os frontis and fphenoides in the angle where they unite with the parietals.

Q. Which are the common futures ?

A. The common futures are the transversal ones, which join the os frontis with the bones below it; but these are of little moment.

Q. Which are the coronal futures?

A. The futura coronalis runs acrofs the fkull from one upper edge of the fphenoidal bone to the other, and joins the parietal bone to the frontal. Though the indentations of this future are confpicuous in its upper part, yet an inch or more of its end on each fide hath none of them, for it is fquamous and fmooth there.

Q. Which are the fagittal futures?

A. The futura fagittalis joins the parietal bones, beginning at the os occipitis, and is continued to the os frontis; in children down to the nofe; the os frontis in them being two bones, and fometimes fo in adult bodies. Q. Which are the lambdoidal futures?

A. The futura lambdoidalis joins the back part of the offa bregmatis, or parietal bones, to the upper part of the occipital.

This future is fometimes very irregular, being made up of many fmaller futures, which furround fo many little bones that are generally larger and more confpicuous on the external furface of the skull than internally. These bones are generally called triquetra or wormiana. These offa triquetra are sometimes in other futures befides the lambdoidal; and fometimes they are in one table of the skull and not in the other. In fome old skulls there are no remains of the above three futures; in others one or two of them only appear; but none are ever met with by modern anatomists; from which to conclude that the futures are ever difpofed in fuch different manners in skulls of different shapes as Hippocrates, Galen, &c. have related.

Q. Which are the iquamofe futures?

A. The futura fquamofa is made by the upper part of the temporal and fphenoidal bones, wrapping over the lower edges of the parietal bones.

Q. Which are the transversal futures?

A. They run acrofs the face, through the bottoms of the orbits of the eyes; they join the lower edge of the frontal bone to the os fphenoides, maxillæ fuperioris, offa nafi, ungues, palati, and jugalia, or malarum.

Q. What are the uses of the futures?

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A. Not only to join the bones of the cranium together, but the skull being thus divided into many bones, renders it lefs apt to be fractured, and, when it is fractured, they prevent its being extended, as it would have been, were it composed of one bone only. They are alfo of use to join the dura mater very firmly to the cranium and pericranium in those parts, and for the offification of the bones; and in infants, that the head may be the more eafily extended in its growth, and alfo that they may give way in the birth : and the openness of the futures in children have another advantage, viz. that medicinal applications to the external part of the head may penetrate and do fervice; and, laftly, that the transpiration from the brain may be the more free and eafy at the time of life in which the bones are open, and in which alfo the habit is more humid. It must be observed, that the indications of the futures do not appear on the infide of the cranium by much fo ftrong as on the outfide; but the bones feem almost joined in a straight line; nay, in some skulls the internal furface is found entire while the futures are manifest without.

Q. What use are the foramina, or holes of the skull?

A. To give paffage to the fpinal marrow, nerves, arteries, and veins.

Q. How are they diftinguished ?

A. Into external and internal.

Q. Which are the external?

A. The external are meant those which are eafily discovered on the outfide of the skull.

Q. Which

Q. Which are the internal?

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A. By the internal are meant those which are most obvious in the internal furface of the fkull.

Of the larger internal foramina there are eleven pair, affording passage to the arteries, veins, and nerves of the brain; befides thefe, there is one that is fingle, viz. the great foramen of the occipital bones, that gives paffage to the medulla fpinalis, acceffory fpinal nerves, and vertebral arteries : Ift pair, gives paffage to the olfactory nerves; 2d pair, to the optic nerves; 3d pair, to the third and fourth pair of nerves, to the first branch of the fifth pair, and to the fixth pair, as also to the emissary of the receptacles of the dura mater; 4th pair, give paffage to the fecond branch of the fifth pair of nerves, which is diffributed to the feveral parts of the upper jaw; 5th pair, to the third branch of the fifth pair of nerves, and to the emiffary of the dura mater; 6th pair, give passage to an artery (which is diffributed over the dura mater, and is that which forms the tree-like impreffions on the infide of the parietal bones); 7th pair, is between the fella equina and the petrofe apophysis, and is shut up by the dura mater; 8th pair, give passage to the carotid arteries; and here the intercostal nerve goes out; 9th pair, to the auditory nerves; 10th pair, to the par vagum, the lateral finuses of the dura mater, and to the fpinal nerve; 11th pair give passage to the lingual nerves : besides these large foramina, there are a number of little ones often very vilible,

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Q. What external foramina are there? A. Two of the os frontis a little above the orbits, called fupra orbitalia; they give paffage to the opthalmic nerve of Willis; there are also four others, two on each fide the orbit, which transmit little nerves and veffels to the finus of the os ethmoides; in the parietal bone one, though fometimes none; in each of the offa temporum, three common and three proper: the first is the foramen jugale for the passage of the temporal muscle; in the fecond is the finus of the jugular vein; and the third is the ductus Eustachii, fituated between the petrofum and the sphenoides, and leading from the mouth into the internal ear : befides thefe, there are also three proper foramina in the offa temporum; first, the meatus auditorius; fecond, the aquæduct of Fallopius, fituated between the mastoide and ftyloide proceffes, and transmitting the hard portion of the auditory nerve; third, a foramen behind the mastoide process. In the occipital bone are generally two foramina behind the condyloide apophyses for the passage of the vertebral veins into the lateral finuses of the dura mater. In the fphenoidal bone, befides those already mentioned, are the apertures of the finufes into the noftrils common to them with the bones of the palate, and which are the apertures of the nares and fauces. In the upper part of the pterygoide processes, is a passage for the novum emiffarium of the dura mater. In the os ethmoides, besides those common thi s bone with the os frontis (already men-F tioned)

tioned) there are the apertures of the ethmoidal finufes into the noftrils.

Q. What are the bones of the face?

A. The bones of the face are the offa nafi, malarum, ungues, plana, maxilla fuperior, palati, os vomer, fpongiofum, maxilla inferior; to which may be added, the bones of the ear and tongue,

Q. Which are the offa nafi?

A. The offa nafi makes the upper part, or ridge of the nofe.

Q. What are the offa malarum?

A. Two bones fituated in the lateral and middle parts of the face, called the cheek bones; the fhort proceffes of which, together with the proceffus jugalis, form arches, called the offa jugalia, vel zygomaticus.

Q. Which are the offa ungues, vel lachrymalia?

A. The offa ungues, vel lachrymalia, are two of the leaft bones of the face, fituated in the orbits of the eyes towards the nofe, very thin and transparent; between each of them and the upper jaw, is a foramen as large as a goofe-quill, into which the puncta lachrymalia lead, to carry off any superfluous moisture from the eyes into the nose. This is the part that ought to be pierced in the great operation for the fistula lachrymalis. The situation and tender substance of these bones, make a rash operator in danger of destroying a considerable stare of the organ of simelling, when he is performing the operation for the fistula lachrymalis; but when these bones

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bones are hurt, they caft off without difficulty, and the wound is foon cured, unlefs the patient labours under a general bad habit of body, or that there is a predifpolition in the bones to be carious; in which cafe, a large train of bad fymptoms follow, or at beft the cure proves tedious.

Q. Which are the offa plana?

A. Situated alfo in the orbits beyond the offa ungues, and are near thrice as big.

Q. Which is the maxilla fuperior?

A. The maxilla fuperior, or upper jaw, though generally defcribed fingle, confifts of two bones, being manifestly divided by a future, which is fcarce ever obliterated. Its two processes make part of the nofe. Its upper and outward parts make the lower parts of the orbits of the eyes; its lower fide, all that part of the face under the cheeks, eyes, and nofe, to the mouth, and twothirds of the roof of the mouth. A little below the orbits of the eyes there are two holes in this bone, and behind the dentes incifores one more, which divides into two, as it opens into the nofe. Between the posterior grinding-teeth and the orbits of the eyes, are two great finufes, called antra-maxilla fuperioris, which open into the upper part of the nose; and in the lower edge of this jaw are the alveoli, or fockets for the teeth. Part of the fides of these finuses that lie next the nofe, are only membranes, which make the cavities like drums; perhaps to give a grave found to the voice when we let part of it through the nofe.

Imposthumations fometimes happen in these finuses; the signs of which are, great pain about

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the part, matter in the nofe on the fide difeafed, ftinking breath, and rotten teeth; the cure is performed by drawing out the laft tooth but one, and drawing two or more, if rotten, and through their fockets making a perforation into the antrum.

The maxillary finuses have the fame uses as the frontal and sphenoidal; and the situation of the situation of the finuses is such that the signar drilling from them, from the cells of the ethmoid and palate bones, and from the schrymal ducts, may always moisten all the parts of the membrane of the nares in the different stuations which the head is in.

Q. Which are the offa palati?

A. The ofia palati are two fmall bones that make the back part of the arch of the palate, or roof of the mouth; and are continued up the back part of the noftrils : near this bone are two fmall foramina, through which arteries and nerves pass to the palate.

Q. Which is the os vomer?

A. The os vomer is fituated between the bones of the palate and the fphenoidal bone. This bone, together with the two nafal foffæ and its cartilage, are the feptum nafi.

Q. Which is the os fpongiofum?

A. The os fpongiofum, though by fome treated as a diftinct bone, is only the fpongy laminæ in the nofe of the os ethmoides and offa plana.

Q. Which is the maxilla inferior?

A. The maxilla inferior, or lower jaw, is but one bone in adults, but in children two, which

which unite by a cartilage in the middle of the chin, and, as the child grows, hardens into bone: in children it alfo confifts of two tables and a diploe between. This bone forms two condyloid proceffes; and near thefe are the two coronal proceffes; and at the infide of the chin a fmall rough proceffus innominatus. In the infide of this bone, under each proceffus coronalis, is a large foramen, which runs under the teeth, and paffes out near the chin; in this foramen the veffels pafs that belong to the teeth; and in the upper edge of the jaw are the fockets for the teeth. On account of the veffels and nerves in the lower jaw, fractures of it may be attended with dangerous fymptoms.

Q. What number are the teeth, and how are they diftinguished ?

A. The number in adults, if perfect, is generally thirty-two (fixteen in each jaw); the four fore-teeth in each jaw are called incifores; the next (one on each fide the incifores) canini, called by fome the eye-teeth; the reft are' the molares, or grinders; the laft of which (on each fide) above and below, are termed dentes fapientiæ, becaufe they do not appear till men arrive at the years of difcretion. The incifores and canani have only one fingle root; the two first of the molares on each fide, have two roots, and the reft, fome three, fome four, efpecially in the upper jaw, where also they are spread wider, because that jaw being more spongy than the other, the teeth need more fpace to fix them, The cavities of the teeth are covered or lined with a fine vafculo nervous membrane; and each F 3 branch

branch of the roots have a foramen, or hole at their bottom, through which pafs an artery, vein, and nerve, to afford them nutrition and fenfation: these vessels and membrane are the feat of the tooth-ach. Children are feldom born with teeth; but at two years of age they have twenty; and their number does not increafe until they are about feven years old, when the teeth that first appeared are thrust out by others, that have been formed deeper in the jaw, and fome more of the teeth begin to difcover themfelves farther back in the mouth. About fourteen years of age, fonce more of the first crop are shed, and the number is increased. This fhedding of the teeth is of good ufe; for if the first had remained, they would have stood at a great diftance one from another, becaufe the teeth are too hard in their outer cruft, to increase so fast as the jaws do. Whereas, both the fecond layer and the teeth that come out late, meeting, while they are foft, with a confiderable refiftance to their growth in length from those fituated upon them, neceffarily come out broad, and fit to make that clofe guard to the mouth which they now form.

Q. Which is the os hyoides?

A. The os hyoides, or bone of the tongue, is fituated in the middle fpace between the angles of the lower jaw, and adheres to the bafe of the tongue. The os hyoides is generally composed of five fmall bones; and the use of it is to give a firm basis to the tongue; and therefore several muscles of the tongue and larynx,

larynx, ferving to the motions of both, are inferted in it.

Q. Which are the bones of the internal ear?

A. The bony cavity of the tympanum contains feveral little bones, called the bones of the ear; which take their names from the things they are thought to refemble, viz. malleus, incus, ftapes, and orbiculare; but this laft, in dried bones, paffes fometimes unobferved.

Q. Which is the malleus?

A. The malleus is the hammer-like bone adhering to the membrane of the tympanum, and articulated with the incus.

Q. Which is the incus?

A. The incus, or anvil-like bone, is articulated both to the malleus and stapes.

Q. Which is the ftapes?

A. The ftapes, or ftirrup, is a little bone fituated in the cavity of the feneftra ovalis; it is joined to the incus, and its bafis adheres (by means of a membrane) to the feneftra ovalis of the labyrinth of the ear.

Q. Which is the os orbiculare?

A. The orb cular, or lenticular bone, is the imalleft bone in the body; it is articulated with both the ftapes and incus.

Q. What are the muscles, cartilages, and ligaments of the head? I mean those belonging to the cranium.

A. The mulcles, cartilages, and ligaments of the cranium, are thefe, viz. 1. occipito frontalis, orbicularis palpebrarum, corrugator fupercilii, ciliaris (tarfi) cartilages and ligaments, and elevator palpebræ fuperioris; 2. the mulcles of F_4 the

the globe of the eye, viz. elevator occuli, depreffor occuli, adductor occuli, abductor occuli, obliquus inferior, obliquus superior vel trochlearis; 3. the muscles, cartilages and ligaments of the external ear, viz. cartilage and ligament, elevator auriculæ, anterior auriculæ, retractor auriculæ, helix major, helix minor, tragicus, antitragicus, transversus auriculæ; 4. the muscles of the internal ear, viz. laxator tympani, externus mallei, internus mallei, tenfor tympani, stapedius; 5. muscles of the nose, viz. compressor narium, elevator alæ nafi, depreffor alæ nafi, cartilages of the nofe; 6. muscles of the mouth, lips, chin, and cheeks, viz. fphincter oris, elevator labii fuperioris, depressor labii fuperioris vel nafalis, elevator labii inferioris, depressor labii inferioris, elevator anguli oris, depreffor anguli oris, elevator menti, zygomaticus, buccinator, platyfma myoides, biventer, temporalis, maffeter, pterygoideus internus, pterygoideus externus; 7. muscles of the palate, viz. pterygoftaphylinus externus, thyroftaphylinus, gloffoftaphylinus; 8. muscles of the os hyoides, viz. genio hyoideus, sterno-hyoideus, mylo-hyoideus; 9. the muscles of the tongue, viz. genio-gloffus, bafio-gloffus, cerato-gloffus, stylo-gloffus, chondro-glosfus, lingualis, the tongue itself; 10. muscles which move the head on the trunk, viz. rectus internus major, rectus internus minor, rectus major posticus, rectus minor pofticus, reftus lateralis, obliquus inferior, obliquus superior,

Q. Which is the occipito frontalis?

A. The occipito frontalis is a muscle with four fleshy bellies; it arises behind each ear from the the os occipitis; and foon becoming tendinous, paffes under the hairy fcalp to the forchead, where it becomes broad and flefhy, adhering to the fkin, and is inferted into the upper part of the orbicularis palpebrarum, into the os frontis near the nofe, and by two proceffes into the bones of the nofe. When this mufcle acts from the back part, it pulls the fkin of the forehead upward, wrinkling transverfely, and, in fome perfons, the hairy fcalp backwards; but when the fore part of it acts, it draws the fkin with the eye-brows downward, and towards the nofe when we frown.

Q. Which is the orbicularis palpebrarum?

A. The orbicularis palpebrarum furrounds the eye-lids; it arifes from the upper apophyfis of the maxillary bone. It is inferted into the nafal process of the fuperior maxillary bone, covering the anterior and upper part of the lachrymal fac. It shuts the eye-lids, ferves to depress and draw forward the eye-brow at the fame time, and elevates the lower eye-lids.

Q. Which is the corrugator fupercilii?

A. The corrugator fupercilii is fo conjoined with the orbicularis palpebrarum, that it may be reckoned a part of it.

Q. Which is the ciliaris?

.A. The ciliaris is also a very finall portion of the orbicularis, next the ciliary cartilages of the eye-lids.

Q. What are the tarfi?

A. The tarfi are thin cartilages, forming the principal part of the edge of each eyelid; their ends connected by a kind of fmall ligaments.

Q. What are the ligamenta tarforum lata? A. The broad ligaments of the tarfi are fituated along both edges of each orbit, the fuperior broader than the inferior, fixed to the edges of the cartilages, fo that thefe ligaments and the tarfi alone, reprefent the eye-lids.

Q. Which is the elevator palpebræ!

A. The elevator palpebræ fuperioris is a very thin muscle, which arises from the periosteum at the bottom of the orbit of the eye, where the optic nerve goes through the cranium, and is inferted into the whole ciliary cartilage of the upper eye-lid by a very thin, broad tendon.

Q. What are the mufcles of the globe of the eye?

A. Four strait, viz. the elevator, depressor, adductor, and abductor; and two oblique, the fuperior and inferior.

Q. Which is the elevator occuli?

A. The rectus attollens, vel elevator occuli, lies on the upper part of the globe, pulling up the ball of the eye when we look up : it arifes from the upper part of the foramen opticum of the fphenoid bone below the elevator palpebræ fuperioris, and is inferted in the upper and fore part of the tunica sclerotis, near the cornea.

Q. Which is the depreffor occuli?

A. The rectus deprimens, vel depression occuli, pulls down the eye : it arifes, and is inferted directly opposite to the elevator occuli.

Q. Which is the adductor occuli?

A. The rectus adducens, vel adductor occuli, draws the eye towards the nofe; it arifes from the bottom of the orbit, near the optic nerve internally,

internally, and is inferted into the tunica felerotis on the fide next the nofe.

Q. Which is the abductor occuli?

A. The rectus abducens, vel abductor occuli, draws the eye towards the little canthus, and hath both its origin and infection directly oppofite to the adductor. These four strait muscles terminate about the cornea by four short, thin, flat tendons; when they all act together, they draw the eye toward the bottom of the orbit,

Q. Which is the obliquus inferior?

A. The obliquus inferior arifes from the lower fide of the orbit, near its external edge, where the bones of the os maxilla fuperioris join together : it afcends obliquely over the depreffor, and is inferted behind the tendon of the abductor; it draws the globe of the eye forward, and turns it upward.

Q. Which is the obliquus fuperior?

A. The obliquus fuperior, vel trochlearis, arifes from the bottom of the orbit, between the elevator and adductor occuli, and runs obliquely towards the great canthus. In the upper and inner parts of the orbit, near its edge, there is a cartilaginous ring or pulley, through which this mufcle paffes in a round tendon, and is inferted near the bottom of the globe of the eye, which it pulls upward and inward, and thereby directs the pupil outward and downward.

Q. Which are the muscles of the external ear?

A. Besides the cartilage and ligament of the ear, there is the elevator, anterior, and retractor auriculæ, the helix major and minor, the tragicus, tragicus, antitragicus, and the transversus auriculæ; but all these muscles are extremely small, and often scarce discernable without the help of a microscope.

Q. What are the cartilage and ligament of the external ear?

A. The cartilage makes the greateft part of the external ear, it being the bafis of all the other parts, of which this portion of the ear is made up. It is fixed to the cranium, not only by the cartilaginous portion of the meatus auditorious (which I fhall defcribe hereafter) but alfo by two ligaments, one anterior, and the other pofterior, oppofite to one another.

Q. Which is the elevator auriculæ?

A. The attollens vel elevator auriculæ, has a very thin, tendinous origin from the tendon of the occipito frontalis, and is inferted into the back of the cartilage of the external ear.

Q. Which is the anterior auriculæ?

A. The anterior auriculæ is inferted into the back of that part of the helix which divides the concha.

Q. Which is the retractor vel retrahens auriculæ?

A. The retractor auriculæ arifes by one, two, or three fmall portions from the temporal bone, above the maîtoid process: the upper and middle portion is inferted into the lower part of the back of the upper cavity of the external ear; and the lower portion is inferted into the back of the lower cavity. This muscle pulls the ear backward.

Q. Which is the helix major?

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A. The helix major arifes from the upper part of the outer fide of the acute process of the helix; and is either inferted into the helix, or elfe runs along the furface of the elevator.

Q. Which is the helix minor?

A. The helix minor afcends near the helix on the fore part of the outer ear; one end is fixed below the notch of the concha, the other above it.

Q. Which is the tragicus?

A. The tragicus arifes from the cartilage of the concha near the tragus, and terminates in the upper part of the tragus, and adjacent part of the concha.

Q. Which is the antitragicus?

A. The antitragicus arifes from the outer part of the cartilage of the antitragus, and is inferted into the edge of the concha behind the antitragus, at the bottom of the helix.

Q. Which is the transversus auriculæ?

A. The transversus auriculæ is divided into two parts : that belonging to the antihelix is inferted into the back of the antihelix, and a small part of it into the back of the scapha; that belonging to the scapha is divided into several parts for a considerable length; it arises from the back of the superior cavity of the concha, and is inferted into the back of the scapha.

Q. Which are the muscles of the internal ear?

A. The muscles of the internal ear are, the laxator tympani, externus mallei, internus mallei, tenfor tympani, and stapedius.

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Q. Which is the laxator tympani?

A. The laxator tympani arifes by a finall beginning from the extremities of the fpinous procefs of the fphenoid bone, behind the entry of the artery of the dura mater; then running backwards and a little upwards, along with the nerve called chorda tympani, in a fiffure of the os temporis, near the foffa that lodges the condyle of the lower jaw. It is inferted into the long procefs of the malleus, within the tympanum, where it refts upon the edge of the fiffure, between the pars fquamofa and petrofa.

Q. Which is the externus mallei?

A. The externus mallei arifes from a procefs of the fphenoidal bone, between the os fquamofum and petrofum, and is inferted into the whole length of the bony channel, which contains the auditory paffage.

Q. Which is the internus mallei?

A. The internus mallei lies along the infide of the Euftachian tube, fixed in the apophyfis petrofa.

Q. Which is the tenfor tympani!

A. The tenfor tympani arifes from the upper part of the Euftachian tube, where it looks towards the bafis of the fkull, and is of a cartilaginous nature : its tendon is inferted into the handle of the malleus.

Q. Which is the ftapedius?

A. The ftapedius is fituated within the fmall bony pyramid at the bottom of the tympanum; its tendon goes through a fmall hole in the apex of the pyramid, and is inferted into the back part of the head of the ftapes. Q. What are the muscles of the nose? A. Two compressions, two elevators, and two depressions, besides the cartilages.

Q. Which are the compressor narium?

A. The compressor narium arises on each fide from the outer part of the root of the wings of the nose, goes over the back of the anterior part of the nose, and are inferted in the moveable cartilage which forms the ala of the nares.

Q. Which are the elevator alæ nafi?

A. The elevator alæ nafi et elevator labii fuperioris, has its origin from the nafal procefs of the upper jaw bone on each fide near the greater canthus of the eye: the extremities which run through the upper lip, and are inferted in the moveable cartilage, infert fibres as they pafs into the upper part of the wings of the nofe near the cheek.

Q. Which are the depressor alæ nasi?

A. The depreffor alæ nafi arifes on each fide from the upper jaw bone, where the gums cover the fockets of the dentes incifores and canini, it is inferted round the root of each wing of the nofe, and under, or within each noftril from the feptum nafi, where that joins with the lip to the wing of the nofe.

Q. What are the cartilages of the nofe?

A. The inferior portion of the external nofe is composed of feveral cartilages, which are commonly five; the reft are uncertain. The middle cartilage is the most confiderable, and fupports the reft, being connected immediately to the bony parts; the other four are connected nected to the middle cartilage, and to each other by means of ligaments.

Q. What are the muscles of the mouth, lips, chin, and cheeks?

A. Thefe are, the fphincter oris, elevator labii fuperioris, deprefior labii fuperioris vel nafalis, elevator labii inferioris, deprefior labii ininferioris, elevator anguli oris, deprefior anguli oris, elevator menti, zygomaticus, buccinator, platyfma myoides, biventer, temporalis, maffeter, pterygoideus internus and externus.

Q. Which is the fphincter oris?

A. Orbicularis, but more properly iphincter vel conftrictor oris, furrounds the whole mouth about three-fourths of an inch broad. This muscle is very much intermixed with all the muscles that are inferted into it.

Q. Which is the elevator labii fuperioris proprints?

A. The elevator labii fuperioris proprius, arifes from the bones of the upper jaw under the anterior and inferior part of the orbicularis palpebrarum, and alfo from the os malæ, and is inferted into the upper part of the fphincter oris. This raifes the upper lip, and helps to dilate the noftrils.

Q. Which is the depressor labii fuperioris proprius?

A. The depreffor labii fuperioris proprius, is a f nall mufcle arising from the upper jaw, near the dentes incifores, and is inferted into the upper part of the lip, and root of the cartilages of the nofe; hence it is alfo a depreffor of the nofe, which action conftricts the noftrils.

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Q. Which is the elevator lavii inferioris pro-

A. The elevator labii inferioris proprius, arifes from the lower jaw, near the dentes incifores, and is inferted into the lower part of the under lip.

Q. Which is the depressor labii inferioris proprius?

A. The depressor labii inferioris proprius, arifes broad from the lower jaw at the chin, and is foon inferted into the sphincter oris.

Q. Which is the elevator anguli oris?

A. The elevator anguli oris vel labiorum communis, arifes from the fuperior maxilla under the middle of the orbit, and is inferted into the fphincter muscle near the corner of the mouth.

Q. Which is the depression anguli oris?

A. The depression anguli oris vel labiorum communis, arifes laterally from the lower jaw near the chin, and is inferted into the sphincter opposite to the elevator anguli oris.

Q. Which is the elevator menti?

A. The elevator menti arifes from the forepart of the lower jaw, from the focket of the lateral incifive tooth, extending to the focket of the next tooth on each fide.

Q. Which is the zygomaticus?

A. The zygomaticus is a muscle arising from the os zygoma, or malæ, and is inferted into the sphincter at the corner of the mouth, which it draws outward and upward.

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Q. Which is the buccinator ?

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A. The buccinator arifeth broad and flefhy from the fore-part of the proceffus coronæ of the lower jaw-bone, and adhering to the gums of both jaws, is inferted into the fphincter at the angle of the lips; it brings the food between the teeth in maftication, forces the breath out of the mouth in blowing, &c. and pulls the lips or corner of the mouth outward. Steno's falival duct perforates this mufcle in the middle.

Q. Which is the platyfma myoides?

A. The platyfma myoides, vel latiffimus colli, is a broad, membranous mufcle, exceeding thin, and lies immediately under the fkin; it arifes from the pectoral mufcle below the clavicle, and from part of the deltoide mufcle; it runs obliquely forward, covering all the neck. rendering the unequal furface of the mufcles even, and is inferted into the chin and depreffor mufcles of the lip. When it acts, it pulls down the corner of the mouth and the lower jaw: a convultion herein is called the vnic fpafm.

Q. Which is the biventer?

A. The biventer, or digaftricus, arifes with a flefhy belly from the upper part of the maftoid procefs; and defcending, it contracts into a round tendon, which paffes through the ftylo hyoideus, and an annular ligament, which is faftened to the os hyoides; then growing flefhy again, it afcends towards the middle of the edge of the anterior part of the lower jaw, where it is inferted internally; when it acts, it pulls the lower jaw down by means of the trochlea, or pulley, pulley, and ferves to draw up the os hyoides, and parts annexed to it, in deglutition, as well as to prevent the action of feveral mufcles which are concerned in fwallowing; for which reafon we cannot fwallow at the fame time we open our mouth.

Q. Which is the temporalis?

A. The temporalis arifes from part of the os frontis, parietale, fphenoides, malæ and temporale, from whence going under the two proceffes of the zygoma, it is exerted externally into the proceffus coronalis of the lower jaw, which it pulls upward : this mufcle is covered with a ftrong tendinous fafcia.

Q. Which is the maffeter ?

A. The maffeter is a thick, flefhy mufcle, fituated at the back part of the cheek; it arifes from the interior part of the os malæ and the zygomatic procefs, which joins this from the temporal bones: it is inferted into the angle of the lower jaw, which it pulls upward and forward: over this mufcle paffes Steno's falival duct.

Q. Which is the pterygoideus internus?

A. The pterygoideus internus arifes from the pterygoide proceffus, and is inferted internally into the angle of the lower jaw, which it pulls upward.

Q. Which is the pterygoideus externus?

A. The pterygoideus externus arifes from the os maxillare and os fphenoides, and is inferted internally into the condyloide process of the lower jaw, which it pulls to one fide, and for- G_2 wards, wards, or, acting with its partner, pulls the jaw directly forward.

Q. Which are the muscles of the Palate?

A. The muscles of the palate are the pterygostaphylinus internus and externus, thyrostaphylinus, and glossoftaphylinus.

Q. Which is the pterygostaphylinus internus?

A. The pterygoftaphylinus internus arifes from the os fphenoides, near the tuba Euftachiana, and is inferted into the uvula, which it pulls up while we breathe through the mouth, or fwallow.

Q. Which is the pterygoftaphylinus externus?

A. The pterygoftaphylinus externus, arifes by the fide of the laft mentioned mufcle, and is alfo inferted near it; but becomes its antagonift by being reflected on a pulley over a procefs at the lower part of the pterygoidal proceffes of the fphenoidal bone.

Q. Which is thyroftaphylynus?

A. The thyroftaphylinus arifes from the lateral part of the thyroide cartilage; and afcending towards the uvula, is inferted in the manner of an arch in the fide of the velum palatinum.

Q. Which is the gloffoftaphylinus?

A. The gloffoftaphylinus paffes from the tongue to the palate, which it pulls down when we breathe through the nofe. The palate itfelf is a fort of double mufcle, whose action feems only to fupport itfelf, and affift those mufcles which pull it upwards.

Q. What are the muscles of the os hyoides? A. The

A. The os hyoides is moved by five pair of muscles, viz. the geniohyoideus, sternohyoideus, mylohyoideus, coracohyoideus, and stylohyoideus.

Q. What is the geniohyoideus ? A. The geniohyoideus arifes from the forepart of the lower jaw internally, and is inferted into the bafis of the os hyoideus, which it pulls upward and forward.

Q. Which is the fternohyoideus?

A. It is an antagonist to the last mentioned muscle, and arises from the infide of the under part of the clavicle near the fternum; and afcending above the geniohyoides, is inferted into the bafis of the os hyoides, which it pulls downward.

Q. Which is the mylohyoideus ?

A. The mylohyoideus arifes from the infide of the bottom of the lower jaw, under the dentes molares, and is inferted into the bafis of the os hyoides. Its common use is to move the os hyoides, tongue and larynx, both upwards, inwards, and fideways; and when it is at reft, it has a farther use, viz. to compress the glands under the tongue, and by this means promote the discharge of the faliva into the mouth from the lower falival ducts; whence it is we use this muscle when we want faliya in the mouth.

Q. Which is the coracohyoideus ?

A. The coracohyoideus is an antagonift to the last-mentioned muscle, and arifes from the upper edge of the scapula; and passing obliquely under the mastoideus, is inferted into the basis of the os hyoides, and draws it obliquely downwards.

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Q. Which is the ftylohyoideus?

A. The ftylohyoideus arifes from the ftyloide procefs, and is inferted in the horn and bafe of the os hyoides, which it pulls upward and backward. This mufcle is often perforated about the middle, by the tendon of the digaftric mufcle of the lower jaw.

Q. What are the muscles of the tongue, befides those of the os hyoides, already mentioned?

A. The muscles of the tongue (befides those of the os hyoides already mentioned) are, geniogoffus, basiogloffus, ceratogloffus, stylogloffus, chondrogloffus, lingualis, and the tongue itself.

Q. Which is the geniogloffus ?

A. The geniogloffus arifes from the fore part of the lower jaw internally, and is inferted broad into the under part of the root of the tongue. When this muscle, and its fellow act, they pull the tongue forward and thrust it out of the mouth.

Q. Which is the bafiogloffus?

A. The bafiogloffus arifes from the bafis of the os hyoides, and is inferted into the tongue near its apex or tip. Its ufe (with the affiftance of the ceratogloffus) is to draw the tongue backward, and make it fhorter.

Q. Which is the ceratogloffus ?

A. The ceratogloffus arifes from the horn of the os hyoides; whence it has its name. It is inferted laterally in the tongue, near its root, and draws the tongue obliquely on one fide; but if both act at once, the tongue is pulled directly backwards into the mouth.

Q. Which

Q. Which is the ftylogloffus?

A. The ftylogloffus arifes from the apex of the ftyloide process, and is inferted into the root of the tongue, which it moves upward and backward.

Q. Which is the chondrogloffus?

A. The chondrogloffus arifes from the cartilaginous process of the os hyoides, meeting in the basis of the tongue, where they are inferted, but this pair is not found in all subjects.

Q. Which is the lingualis ?

A. The lingualis arifes pretty large and flefhy from the bafis of the tongue laterally, and runs ftrait forward to its apex or tip. Its use is to contract or narrow the fubstance of the tongue, and at the fame time to bring is backwards and downwards.

Q. What is the tongue itself ?

A. The tongue itfelf is a muscle made up of fibres longitudinal, circular, and tranverse. This is the interior part of the tongue; those I have before mentioned form the exterior part of the tongue, being inferted in it, and forming one body.

Q. What are the muscles which move the head on the trunk?

A. The muscles which move the head on the trunk are the rectus internus major and minor, the recticus posticus major and minor, rectus lateralis, and the obliquus inferior and superior.

Q. Which is the rectus internus major?

A. The rectus capitis internus major anticus, arifes from the anterior part of the transfer apophyses of the five lower vertebræ of the neck, G_4 and and paffing over the two fuperior vertebræ is inferted into the os occipitis. This mufcle bends the head forward on the first and fecond vertebræ of the neck.

Q. Which is the rectus internus minor?

A. The rectus capitis internus minor anticus, arifes from the anterior furface of the atlas or first vertebra of the neck; it is inferted into the os occipitis. This muscle also moves the head forward on the first vertebra.

Q. Which is the rectus major pofficus?

A. The rectus capitis major posticus, is one of the extensors of the head, which arises from the spinal apophysis of the second vertebra of the neck, and is inserted into the lower part of the os occipitis. It pulls the head back on the first and second vertebra.

Q. Which is the rectus minor pofficus?

A. The rectus capitis minor posticus is also an extensor of the head, having it rife from the posterior part of the atlas, and is also inferted in the os occipitis, to pull the head back on the atlas or first vertebra.

Q. Which is the rectus lateralis?

A. The rectus lateralis arifes from the anterior part of the transverse process of the atlas; and is inferted partly into the occipitis, and partly into the os temporis. This turns the head on fide.

Q. Which is the rectus capitis obliquus inferior ?

A. The obliquus capitis inferior five major, arifes from the fpinal apophyfis of the fecond vertebra of the neck, and is inferted into the transverfe

transverse apophysis of the first vertebra. When this acts, it turns the head with the atlas in a rotatory manner on the second vertebra.

Q. Which is the rectus capitis obliquus fu-

A. The obliquus capitis fuperior five minor, arifes from the end of the transverse apophysis of the atlas, and is inferted into the os occipitis, and back part of the os temporis. When but one of these acts, it affists the rectus lateralis on the same fide; but when they act both together they pull the head back.

Q. What is contained in the head, or what is the vifcera of the head?

A. The parts contained in the cranium are the brain.

Q. What is the brain?

A. The brain is a foft white mafs, in which all the organs of fenfe terminate, and the foul is fuppofed to refide. The brain is furrounded by two membranes, called meninges and matres; thefe are the dura mater, and the pia mater; fome make the external lamina of the latter to be a diftinct membrane called arachnoides. The general mafs is divided into three particular portions, viz. the cerebrum, or brain, properly fo called; the cerebellum; and the medulla oblongata, and fome add a fourth, viz. the medulla fpinalis; which is a continuation of the medulla oblongata, and fills the great canal of the fpina dorfi.

Q. What is the cerebrum ?

A. The cerebrum or brain, properly fo called, is a kind of medullary mass, of a greyish colour

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colour on its outer furface, filling all the cavity of the upper and fore part of the cranium, which lies above the transverse feptum. The upper part is of an oval figure, like half an egg cut lengthways, or rather like two quarters of an egg, and parted a little from each other: it is flatter on the lower part; each lateral half of which is divided into three eminences called lobes; one anterior, one middle, and one pofterior. The human brain is three times as much in quantity as the brain of an ox; it being in general about four pounds weight. The fubstance of the cerebrum is of two kinds. The exterior or cortical part, and the interior or medullary part. The former is about the fixth of an inch in thickness, softish, and of a greyish or afh colour; the latter is more folid, and very white, and terminates in the beginning of the nerves. Befides the lobes I have already mentioned, the upper fide of the cerebrum is divided into two hemispheres by the processus falciformis of the dura mater; and its lower fide into four lobes, two anterior and two posterior, the latter much the largest. At the meeting of the four lobes appears the infundibulum, which is a kind of lymphatic running from the ventricles of the brain, piercing the dura mater upon the basis of the skull, and finks into the substance of the glandula pituitaria; which gland is feated in the fella Turcica. Between the two hemispheres in the corpus callosum, a hard white fubftance. The ventricles of the brain are cavities lined with a fine fmooth membrane, from the pia mater. They are four in number, and remember prove that the nerves all re necepary to life & that when the v sudalla spin acis is much injur

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all communicate with one another. The two Ke called anterior, lateral, or fuperior, are very extensive; the other two, called the third and inve fourth, are very fmall in comparison with these. The lateral ventricles are divided by an extreme up thin membrane or partition, called septum lucidum, under which is the fornix, the hinder part un of which divides into two parts called the crura the fornicis or pedis hypocampi. In the basis of the the lateral ventricles are eight prominences; two anterior, called corpora striata, from their ash colour lines; and the two thalami nervorum opticorum, fo named because these nerves arise chiefly from them. The other four are fmall; two anterior called nates cerebri, and two pofterior called teftes cerebri. Upon the beginning of the thalami nervorum opticorum, are fituated a number of blood veffels, glands, and lymphæducts, called plexus choroides. Under the beginning of the fornix is a foramen called iter ad infundibulum; and under its middle, one called foramen posterius, which is covered with a valve named membra vel valvula magna cerebri.

Q. What is the cerebellum?

A. The cerebellum lies under the pofterior lobes of the cerebrum or brain, in the lower part of the cavity of the cranium; its figure is nearly globular, its fuperficies is not fo circumvoluted and winding as that of the cerebrum, but furrowed, deprefied, and largeft in the middle, terminating in the vermiform procefs. The fubftance of the cerebellum is much the fame as that of the cerebrum, only its cortical part is

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more in quantity than the medullary; the latter is elegantly branched out like fhrubs or little trees, the trunks of which are the bafis of the cerebellum, and are what are called its peduncles, the lobules of the cerebellum adhere in clufters to the arbufculi medullares, are furrounded by the pia mater, and compose the far greater part of the cerebellum.

Q. What is the medulla oblongata?

A. The medulla oblongata is a medullary continuation of the medullary part of the cerebrum and cerebellum, formed into a kind of tail, and extended to the great foramen in the os occipitis, where it gives origin to the medulla fpinalis, and to the nerves of the brain, where it divides, or appears like two bodies, is called crura medullæ oblongatæ; its union, ifthmus, and the eminence beyond it, proceffus annularis. The medulla oblongata is a third general part of the encephalon or whole mafs of the brain, cerebrum, and cerebellum.

Q. What is the medulla fpinalis?

A. The medulla fpinalis is a continuation of the medulla oblongata, through the great foramen of the fkull, and through the bony canal of the fpina dorfi, to the extremity of the os facrum; its thicknefs in general is nearly equal to that of a finger; but it is not uniformly of the fame fize throughout. The lower part in the os facrum is called cauda equina, from its refemblance. Its fubftance is nearly the fame as that of the medulla oblongata, but fomewhat tougher, and more firm; the medullary fubftance is here outwardly, that the nerves may eafily make their way

way out, and the cortical like part inwardly. To cover the medulla fpinalis, next the bony canal of the fpine internally, is a very ftrong tunica, which connects the vertebræ within; then the cellular or adipofe coat, (which containing more or lefs fat, feems deftined by nature to foften the former) and the dura and pia mater (which I shall by and by defcribe.) The dura mater, in its anterior part, is firmly connected with the vertebræ, but its posterior part is loofe and fluctuating; the pia mater furrounds every part of the medulla fpinalis, and all the nerves that arife from it, and enters also its longitudinal division. The arteries and veins of the medulla spinalis enter at the apertures of the vertebræ, which give paffage out to the nerves, and come from the vertebrals of the neck, intercostals, and the lumbar. The nerves of the fpine are thirty-two pairs, arising from the medulla, connected by and covered with membranes; the use of the spinal marrow is to give origin to these nerves, which are principally distributed to the limbs and external parts, and to secrete and prepare a nervous fluid.

Q. What are the coverings of the brain, viz. the cerebrum, cerebellum, and medulla oblongata?

A. Two membranes, named dura mater and pia mater, the latter is the innermost; the former is the external membrane, which covers the whole.

Q. What is the pia mater?

A. The pia mater is a thin and exceeding fine double membrane, which immediately and firmly much offer then the Sura involves mater very Belicate Pransparent vascular connected only to the Bur m

involves the brain clofely, finks into all its cavities and furrows; its outer membrane is by fome made a diffinct coat, and called arachnoides. The pia mater covers also the medulla spinalis, to and its membranes adhere very closely and firmly to one another in the upper part of the head, but much less fo with the dura mater. The two laminæ of the pia mater are not fo clofely united as those of the dura mater, being connected only by a cellular fubstance, which accompanies them through their whole extent, except at fome places of the bafis of the cerebrum, &c. where the internal lamina continuing its infertions, the external remains uniformly detached over the prominent parts, the interffices of which are entirely separated from the other lamina without 2 any cellular fubstance between them. The use of this membrane is to contain the brain, and M fupport the blood veffels, which run here in great number, with a multipiicity of turnings and windings, that the blood may not enter the brain too impetuoufly, and for the veins to unite on, that they may enter the finuses in fewer and larger branches. In fhort, it feems in a manner wholly composed of blood veffels; whofe diffribution through all its furrows and anfractuofities ferves also to fecrete proper fluids in the brain, and to form the animal spirits. The arteries are from the internal carotids and vertebrals: some of the veins discharge themfelves into the finuses of the dura mater, and others immediately into the jugular and vertebral veins.

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Q. What is the dura mater?

A. The dura mater is a very compact, ftrong, thick membrane, covering the pia mater; it lines the infide of the cranium, and supplies the place of an internal periofteum, firmly adhering to its basis, and but lightly at the upper part, except at the futures; it is fpread in all the holes and depreffions, and covers all the eminences of the skull, to prevent their being hurtful to the brain. It has three processes; the first, named falx, begins at the crifta galli, and runs backwards under the futura fagittalis to the cerebellum, dividing the cerebrum into two hemifpheres : its use seems to be to divide the brain to as to render it lefs liable to be moved in the fkull, by any violent motions of the head; and the the under fide of the brain is kept fleady by the inequalities of the bafis of the skull which the brain is exactly fitted to. The fecond process runs from the former to the os petrofum, and inc prevents the cerebrum from preffing on the ceupi rebellum : from this runs a third procefs, and both ferve also to keep the brain steady. The the dura mater receives arteries from the carotids, forde beautifully ramified like shrubs. Its veins are in of two kinds; fome as in other parts of the new body, and others of a triangular figure, called finuses, the latter give warmth to the brain. It gia has nerves for fenfation from the fifth and eighth 1 m pair of the brain. The dura mater has a mo-veve tion, faid to be peculiar to itfelf, and of a mul-velte cular kind; but it is much more natural to fup-um pose it owing to the pulsations of the arteries of Ceres e sinuses the Dura mater contains in the Infilicature simuses several particulo men conals into which the venous bloc tonly of ymembrane out also of the hole brain is carried These canals are

the brain. There are also a number of small glands in the finuses and sides of the dura mater, and between it and the pia mater, described by Pachonius, and seem destined for the secreting of a fluid to moisten the dura mater.

Q. What are the arteries of the brain?

A. The arteries that fupply the cerebrum, cerebellum, and medulla oblongata, come partly from the carotids, which enter the cranium through the canals in the apophyfis petrofæ, and partly from the vertebrals which enter by the occipital foramen. I fhall be more particular when I fpeak of the arteries of the head.

Q. What are the veins of the brain ?

A. The veins of the brain are branches of the finufes of the dura mater, already mentioned: their principal ramifications accompany all the cortical circumvolutions of the cerebrum, and directions of the ftrata of the cerebellum, running always in the duplicature of the pia mater: the veins of the plexus choroides in general, are of the number of thefe abovementioned, of which I shall be more particular hereafter.

Q. What are the nerves of the brain?

A. In the lower part of the medulla oblongata, are diftinguished the nerves of the brain, which are commonly faid to be ten pair, though in reality only nine, as follows in Latin verses :

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I shall also be more particular when I come to mention the nerves of the head hereafter.

Q. What is the glandula pinealis?

A. The glandula pinealis is a fmall gland, fituated behind the thalami nervorum opticorum, in the third ventricle of the brain, adhering very clofely to the plexus choroides, by which it is covered, called pinealis, from its refembling a pine-apple, by its figure. It is the fize of a pea. It feems to be mostly of a cortical fubftance, except near rhe foot-ftalks, where it is fomewhat medullary. This gland hath been often found to contain gravel.

Q. What is the glandula pituitaria?

A. The glandula pituitaria is a gland of the brain, about the bignefs of a very large pea, partly greyifh, partly reddifh, and white within; it is feated in the fella of the os fphenoides called turcica, between the fphenoidal folds of the dura mater, and is covered by the pia mater, as by a bag, the opening of which is the extremity of the infundibulum, from which it receives a lymph or juice, which the infundibulum derives from the plexus choroides and pineal gland; from this lymph, the gland takes its name; it alfo filtrates a juice itfelf, feparating from the blood a white liquor, very fubtile, and apparently very fpirituous.

Q. What are the arteries of the head?

A. The arteries of the head, both external and internal, proceed from the carotids, cervicals, and vertebrals; and their branches are called by the names of the parts they are bestowed upon, as linguales, temporales, occipitales, &c. rinferior accipital Heines The hence then the blow which is came to The origin of the arteries of the head I shall speak of hereafter, in describing those of the neck and trunk.

I. Arteria carotis externa, or external carotid artery is anterior, and fmaller than the internal carotid; its trunk runs up between the external carotid of the lower jaw, and the parotid gland, which it supplies as it passes; afterwards it afcends on the forefide of the ear, and ends in the temple. In this course it sends off five principal internal branches, and three principal external branches. The internal branches are, 1. Sublingualis vel ranina, to the muscles of the os hyoides, the tongue and glandulæ fub- . linguales. 2. Maxillaris inferior, to the maxillary, parotid, and fublingal glands, styloide and mastoide muscles, muscles of the pharynx, and to the fmall flexors of the head. 3. Maxillaris externa, to the maffeter, middle of the lowest jaw, angles of the mouth, buccinator, and elevator menti, and a particular one to the fphincter oris, which forms a kind of coronaria labiorum, and from thence it goes to all parts of the nose; and, lastly, to the great angle of the eye, where it is ramified and loft on the musculus orbicularis palpebrarum, superciliaris, and frontalis, and is named arteria angularis. 4. Maxillaris interna, to the mufcles of the palate, glandular membrane of the posterior nares, and to all the parts contained within the orbits of the eyes. A fmall branch then enters the cranium through the fphenoidal fiffure, and is fpent upon the dura mater; another fmall branch goes to the maxillary finus and teeth; a printernal internal Jugulary cipa

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cipal branch runs through the canal of the lower jaw to the alveoli and teeth, and goes out at the hole near the chin to the neighbouring mufcles; a third principal branch goes up between the external and internal carotid to the dura mater. 5. A principal branch goes to the maffeter mufcle. The external branches are, 1. Occipitalis to the muscles and integuments of the os occipitis, and a branch to the mastoide foramen. 2. A principal branch fupplies both the external and internal ear. 3. The trunk of the external carotid runs up (as I have before observed) between the external angle of the lower jaw and parotid gland, which having fupplied it, forms the temporal artery, which divides into an interior, middle, and posterior branch; the anterior to the musculus frontalis, and sometimes to the internal apophysis of the os malæ all the way to the orbits; the middle one to the mufculus frontalis and occipitalis; and the posterior to the occiput. All these branches likewise furnifh the integuments.

II. Arteria carotis interna, the internal carotid artery having paffed the great canal of the apophyfis petrofa of the os temporis, fends off a branch through the fphenoidal fiffure to the orbit and eye, and foon after another through the foramen opticum, by which it communicates with the external carotid. It then runs under the bafis of the brain to the fide of the infundibulum, where it commonly divides into two branches; the anterior branch runs forward under the brain, and after fending off fmall arteries to the olfactory nerves, it divides H 2 into into two or three branches; the first of these branches goes to the anterior lobe of the brain; the fecond to the corpus callofum, falx of the dura mater, and middle lobe of the brain; the third to the posterior lobe of the brain : the posterior branch, after communicating with the vertebral artery, is ramified on, and between the fuperficial circumvolutions of the brain all the way to the bottom of the fulci. All these ramifications are covered by the pia mater, in the duplicate of which they are diffributed, and form capillary reticular textures in great numbers; and afterwards they are loft in the inner fubstance of the brain. From these minute divisions of the arteries in the pia mater before they enter the brain, it would feem as if the pulse of larger arteries would make too violent an impression on so tender and delicate a part : and, perhaps, it may be from an increase of the impulse of the arteries in the brain, which ftrong liquors produce, that the nerves are fo much interrupted in their functions throughout the whole body, when a man is intoxicated with drinking; and may it not also be from a like cause that men are delirious in fevers.

III. Arteriæ cervicales, arife from the fubclavian arteries, (I fhall hereafter defcribe) and afcend to the head through the foramina, in the transverse processes of the cervical vertebræ, and into the skull through the tenth or great foramen, and pierce the dura mater; these two arteries uniting soon after their entrance, give off branches to the cerebellum, and then passing torward, divide and communicate with the carotids;

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rotids; and the carotid arteries communicating with each other, there is an entire communication between them all. These cervical arteries Winflow calls arteriæ vertebrales.

Q. What are the veins of the head?

A. The veins of the head are the jugular and the cervical or vertebral veins. Their origin I shall mention hereafter. 1. Venæ jugulares externæ, or the external jugular veins, are fometimes double from their origins : and when they are fingle, each of them divides afterwards into two, one anterior, and the other posterior, or rather fuperior. The anterior branch is often a branch of the internal jugular, and fometimes arifes from the communication of the two jugulars, and fometimes, but very rarely, from the vena axillaris. It runs upward to the lateral parts of the lower jaw, between the angle and the chin, and fends feveral branches forwards, backwards, and inwards; forwards to the maxillary glands, digaftic muscle, muscles and integuments of the chin and under lip; backwards, it fends a fmall branch a little below the lower jaw, which communicates with the jugularis externa posterior; inwards to the glandulæ fublinguales, to the tongue, called venæ raninæ, to the muscles of the angles or the lips and neighbouring parts; also to the muscles of the palate, septum palati, amygdalæ, uvula, and to the membrane which lines the arch of the palate. The trunk of the anterior external jugular veins goes from the angle of the lower jaw to the internal angle of the orbit, fending branches on each fide to the muscles and integuments of H 3 the

the face, and takes the name of vena angularis. This trunk fends off branches to the upper lip, cartilages, and part of the nofe, eyelids, and forehead, which laft is called frontalis; a branch alfo communicates with the finufes of the dura mater, entering the orbit by the orbitary finus of the eye. The posterior branch or superior external jugular vein, runs up toward the parotid gland, and lower anterior part of the eye, giving out feveral confiderable branches toward each fide: at its origin a principal branch is fent out posteriorly, called vena muscularis, and a little higher up the vena cervicalis, (which I shall speak of hereafter) backward, it detaches the vena occipitalis to the occiput, and fends a fmall vein through the posterior mastoide hole, which terminates in one of the lateral finufes of the dura mater. It then communicates with the anterior external jugular, under the angle of the lower jaw, and paffes through the parotid gland, fometimes giving off feveral branches, which very foon unite together, and form areolæ or mefhes, through which the nerves pafs. Afterwards it paffes before the ear, taking the name of vena temporalis, which is distributed to the' temples and lateral parts of the head, towards the occiput and forehead, fending branches alfo to the temporal muscle, to the neighbouring parts of the upper jaw, and to the infide of the lower jaw. The branches of the external jugular all communicate with one another, and with the jugularis interna. 2. Vena jugularis interna, the internal jugular vein, is the largest of all those that go to the head (its origin

origin I shall mention hereafter). This vein detaches a branch up toward the parotid gland, and angle of the lower jaw, where it fends off branches to the muscles of the os hyoides, and fometimes a branch called vena maxillaris interna. Another branch is fent backward to the occiput, communicating with a branch of the vena vertebralis, and with the lateral finus of the dura mater. Most of these branches communicate with the external jugulars. 3. Vena vertebralis, the vertebral vein (whofe origin I shall mention hereafter) proceeds to the foramen occipitale, and communicates with the occipital veins and occipital finuses of the dura mater. This vein fends branches to the fmall interior muscles of the head, and fometimes, though not always, a branch communicates with the lateral finus of the dura mater.

Q. What are the nerves of the head?

A. The nerves of the head are ten pair proceeding from the encephalon as I have before observed, page 40.

Q. What are their names, from whence their origin, and how diffributed?

A. 1. The first pair are the nervi olfactorii, or olfactory nerves, which arife from the corpora striata of the brain, between the anterior and middle lobes: they go out through the foramina of the os cribriforme, and are immediately spread on the membrane which covers the os spongiosum, and lines all the internal parts of the nose; they communicate with the nervi opthalmici and maxillaris superior. These nerves are the immediate instruments of smel-H 4

ling. 2. The fecond pair are the nervi optici or optic nerves, which arife from the eminences of the cerebrum, called thalami nervorum opticorum; they pass out through their proper hole in the fphenoide bone, and enter the globe of the eye, to be expanded upon the membrana retini. The blood veffels running through the middle of these nerves, and the ramifications of the retina, are very ferviceable, whence we may deduce the reafon of Picard's experiments of fuch objects as fall on the entry of the optic nerve being loft to us; and hence also an account may be given of an amaurofis, or gutta serena. 3. The third pair are the nervi motores oculorum, which arife at the anterior part of the proceffus annularis, and going out at the foramen lacerum, are diffributed to the globe of the eye and its muscles. 4. The fourth pair, are the nervi pathetici, and are the fmalleft of any; they arife from the anterior lateral part of the proceffus annularis of the medulla oblongata, go out at the foramina lacera, and are entirely spent on the musculi obliqui fuperiores occulorum vel trochleares; and as those muscles act in ogling, staring, &c. their nerves are named pathetici. 5. The fifth pair are the nervi gustatorii vel trigemini, and are the biggeft of the brain; they arife from the fides of the annular process, giving nerves to the dura mater, then each divides into three branches; the first branches help to form the intercostal, and then goes to the orbit, (by the name of orbitarius vel opthalmicus) lachrymal gland, fat, membranes, and palpebræ of the eye, membrana

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brana narium, the muscles and integuments of the forehead. Hence we eafily difcover what part is affected in the megrim (which is a difeafe caufing great pain in the temple and fore part of the head) when the eye-ball and forehead are racked, and a heat is felt within the nofe. Hence alfo we may learn how the mufcles of refpiration come to be fo much affected on the application of any acrid irritating fubftance to the membrana narium, as to produce that violent convulfive motion fneezing. The fecond branch, or maxillaris fuperior, paffes out through the round foramen of the fphenoide bone, and immediately gives nerves to the fat under the temporal muscle, palate, finus fphenoidalis, and noftrils; the remaining trunk fupplies the autrum Highmorianum (which is a cavity in the maxillary, or jaw bone) and teeth of the upper jaw, then comes out at the orbiter externus hole, and is fpent on the mufculus orbicularis palpebrarum, nofe, and upper lip. The third branch, or maxillaris inferior, goes out at the fourth hole of the fphenoidal bone, and foon fplitting into a great many branches, is diffributed to the mufculus temporalis, masseter, pterygoides, digrafticus buccinator, mylohyoides, genohyoideus, geniogloffus, and bafiogluffus, glandula fublingualis, maxillaris inferior, and parotis, to the external ear, where it feems to join the portio dura to the substance of the tongue, in which it is pretty much confounded with the ninth pair; from the root of this last branch, the chorda tympani is reflected. The last ramification of this

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this branch, which I shall take notice of, is that which furnishes the teeth of the lower jaw, and comes out at the chin, and is diffributed on that and the lower lip, and again united to the feventh pair. From this fhort account of the large fifth pair of nerves, and by observing feveral phænomina which happen to those parts to which they are distributed, we might have a much farther confirmation of the general doctrine of nerves delivered, and fee, at leaft, the way pathed to a rational account of the phænomena, for reasoning on which we should not otherwife have the least ground. We can, for example, from the chorda tympani and the nerves of the teeth being derived from the fame common trunk, understand how the found of any vibrating body held between our teeth is fenfible to us, when another perfon cannot poffibly hear it; by the like rule, we know why in a violent tooth-ach, the muscles of the face are fometimes convulsed; nor shall be furprized to hear one plagued with the ach in his upper teeth, complain of a gnawing pain deep feated in the bones of his face, or to fee his eyelids much fwelled, or the tears trickling down in great abundance; whereas the lower teeth aching, the ear is pained, and the faliva flows in great quantity. We may have a diftant view of fome foundation in reafon for the cure of the tooth-ach by strong compression of the chin, or by applying blifters behind the ears, or by burning behind or in the ear. Among a great many infrances of the good effect of the actual cautery 1/1

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in fuch a cafe, I shall give one which feems to me remarkable: A man was feized with the tooth-ach, and a convulfion of that whole fide of his face followed whenever the pain became acute, or he attempted to fpeak ; after he had undergone bleeding, purging, falivation, fetons, &c. without any benefit, he was cured by applying a fmall cauterifing iron to the anti-helix. 6. The fixth pair of nerves are the nervi abducentes, which arife from the fore part of the corpora pyramidalia (which are two protuberances of the under part of the cerebellum, fo called from their refemblance of a pyramid) and after piercing through the dura mater, they give off a branch, which, joining with the reflected twig of the opthalmic branch, forms the original of the intercostal, and passes through the foramen lacerum, to be fpent entirely on the musculus adductor occuli. Supposing this nerve to fupply ever fo little lefs than a due proportion of liquidum nervosum, an involuntary strabifmus, or fquinting, will be occasioned. Though the fifth and fixth pair of nerves form entirely the beginning of the intercostal before it goes out of the skull; yet as several other nerves contribute towards the formation of its trunk, before it fends off any branches, I thall postpone the description of it till I have spoke of the original nerves. 7. The feventh pair are the nervi auditorii, which arife from the fide of the root of the proceffus annularis, and entering the meatus auditorius internus, and immediately dividing, one part is expanded on the inmost camera of the ear, the other goes through the

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the aquæductus Fallopii, and comes out of the fkull between the styloide and mastoide processe, whence the reason of the one being named portio mollis, and the other dura. This last, after its exit, fupplies the musculi obliqui capitis, stylohyoidei, styloglossi, stylopharyngæi, and platyfina myoides, on which and to the fkin of the neck, a great number of its fmall filaments run, which are fometimes cut in opening the jugular vein, whence follows pain at first, and a little numbness afterwards; the superior branches of this nerve fupply the parotid gland, external ear, and the whole fide of the face as far forward as the chin. It is faid to communicate thrice with the fifth pair, and twice with the fecond vertebræ. May not we hence see some reason why the head is so foon removed by the impression of found on our ear? 8. The eighth pair are the nervi fympathetici medii vel par vagum, which arife from the fide of the balis of the corpora olivaria, (which are two protuberances, of the medulla oblongata, fo called from their reprefenting an olive in fhape) runs to the hole common to the offa temporum and occipitis, and are there joined by the accefforius Willifi, (which has its beginning from the two or three fuperior nerves of the medulla fpinalis) mounts up and paffes out with the par vagum at that common foramen just now mentioned, then feparating the accefforius, goes through the mulculus maftoideus, and is loft in the trapezius, and rhomboides fcapulæ; while the larger trunk, (from the greater number of branches

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branches it fends off, obtains the name of vagus) runs strait down the neck near the carotid artery, and in its course gives feveral branches to the larynx; when entered the thorax it fplits into two, the anterior branch goes to the pericardium, and with those of the intercostal to the heart, then on the right fide turns round the fubclavian, and on the left round the ductus arteriofus, and goes up again at the fide of the, cefophagus to be loft in the larynx. This recurrent branch it is, that we are earneftly cautioned to avoid in bronchotomy, though by its deep fituation we are in no hazard of hurting it : if both these nerves were cut, it is probable the voice would not be entirely loft, as long as the fuperior branches still fupply the larynx. The posterior branch goes along with the cefophagus, and fupplies the lungs, gula, and ftomach very plentifully: and as all the nerves beftowed on the ftomach enter at the fuperior orifice of it, the fenfations here must be very acute; what remains of the par vagum is joined to the intercostal immediately below the diaphragm. 9. Nervi hypogloffi externi vel par linguale, which arife from between the corpora pyramidalia and the corpara olivaria, passing out of the skull through their proper holes of the os occipitis, and after supplying the glandula thyroidea, and muscula sternohyoidei, and sternothyroidei, are loft in the fubstance of the tongue. Authors have difputed whether this ninth or the fifth is the guftatory nerve; the old opinion in favour of the ninth is to me most probable, because the fifth is no where else employed

employed as an organ of fenfation, and becaufe the ninth feems to penetrate the fubftance of the tongue more, while the fifth is fpent on the mutcles. 10. The tenth pair are the nervi fuboccipitalis, which arife from the beginning of the medulla fpinalis, betwixt the os occipitis and first vertebra colli; and are all, except what goes to the ganglion of the intercostal, fpent on the musculi obliqui and extensores capitis. But these as before observed, page 39, are more properly the first pair of nerves of the neck.

The only nerves of the encephalon remaining now to be defcribed are the reflected branches of the fifth and fixth pair, which are not eafily traced, being fo fmall and pappy, and hid by the carotid artery as they go out of it; but whenever they have efcaped from the os petrofum, they are joined by branches from the eighth, ninth, and tenth pair, and the first and fecond fpinal, whence the largest ganglion of the body is formed, from which the nerve named now intercostal goes out to descend down the neck with the carotid, fupplying in its course the musculi flexores of the head and neck, and communicating with the cervical nerves; then as it is about to enter the thorax, it again forms a ganglion, from which the nerves to the trachea arteria and heart are fupplied. The intercoftal after this runs down on the fide of the vertebræ thoracis, having additional nerves constantly sent to it from between these vertebræ, till it passes through its own proper hole of the diaphraghm; whence it again forms another ganglion close by the glandulæ renales into which the

the eighth pair enter. From fuch a knot on each fide, the nerves of the guts, liver, fpleen, pancreas, and kidney are derived; and from it the pelvis and its parts are alfo fupplied. Hence the great fympathy of thefe parts may be eafily deduced; and a reafon may be given of a violent vomiting that commonly attends a nephritis, and of the belching, cholics, and ftomachachs, which often enfue, on the obftructions of the menftrua.

Q. What are the glands of the head?

A. The glands of the head remaining now to be defcribed, are in the exterior part that is out of the cavity of the skull; those of the interior part, viz; the glands of the brain and its membranes, have been already spoken of. Those now to mention, are the parotides, maxillares, fublinguales, tonfillæ, linguales, labiales buccales, fauciales palatinæ, gingivarum, and uvulares; which take their names from their refpective fituations, being fituated in and about the mouth, palate, and tongue, to afford faliva in all parts of the mouth to keep it moift. Those more remote are chiefly concerned in mastication. In the orbit also there is the lachrymal glands; under the eye-lids are the ceraceous or febaceous glands, the mucofe glands of the pituitary membrane of the noftrils, and the ceruminofe glands of the ears. The largest and most remarkable are the falival glands; the others are fo fmall as to render a particular defcription unneceffary and of no fignificance

Parotis, vel maxillaris fuperior, is the largest of the falivary glands; it is fituate behind the lower

lower jaw, under the ear, on each fide; from this gland, there runs a very large duct, about three fingers breadth long, and of the thickness of a wheat straw, having a great number of roots; this duct, from steno the discoverer, is called after his name, but by others ductus falivalis fuperior. It paffes over the tendinous part of the masseter muscle, (to prevent its being compressed by that muscle, which would obstruct the faliva) through the middle of the cheek, and there perforates the buccinator mufcle and the membrane of the mouth, near the fecond or third of the dentes molares, and at this perforation it discharges a very large quantity of its proper fluid into the mouth. When this duct is divided by an external wound, the faliva will flow out on the cheek, unlefs a convenient perforation be made into the mouth, and then the external wound may be healed. This gland is one of those that serve for the secretion of the faliva; it has the difcharge of its faliva promoted by the motions of the lower jaw; when this gland is ulcerated, there is a conftant effusion of faliva; to cure which Hildanus applied the actual cautery; but if you confume the greatest part of the gland with merc. precip. rubr. it will heal with little trouble.

Maxillaris inferior is fituate between the lower jaw and the tendon of the digaftric muscles : its duct passes under the musculus mylohyoideus, and enters the mouth under the tongue, near the dentes inciforii.

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The molares are two glands nearly the fame kind as the maxillares, each of them being fituated between the maffeter and buccinator. They fend out fmall ducts which perforate the buccinator, and open into the cavity of the mouth, almost over against the last dentes molares, and from thence they trace their name.

Sublingualis is a fmall gland fituated under the tongue, on each fide, between the jaw and the ceratogloffus muscle.

Tonfilla is a globular gland, about the bignefs of a hazel nut, fituate upon the pterygoideus internal muscle, between the root of the tongue and the uvula, on each fide of the mouth, they are commonly called almonds of the ears, from their refembling almonds in figure. The tonfilla has no duct continued from it, but empties all it small ducts into a finus of its own, which finus, when the gland is imflamed, may eafily be miftaken for an ulcer. This gland, with its fellow, directs the mafticated aliment into the pharynx, and also ferves for the uvula to fhut down upon when we breathe through the nofe. They are compressed by the tongue and the aliment, when the former raifes the latter over its root, and thereby opportunely emits their faliva to lubricate the food for its easter descent through the pharynx. A schirrous tumour of either of these glands is a common difeafe, and it admits of no remedy but extirpation; the beft way of doing which is by ligature. Preffure upon the furface of a gland very much promoting the fecretion that is made in it, these glands are so feated as to be preffed by

by the lower jaw, and its muscles, which will be chiefly at the time when their fluid is wanted; and the force with which the jaw must be moved, being as the dryness and hardness of the food, which is neceffary; for all food, being to be reduced to a pulp, by being broke and mixed with faliva before it can be fwallowed fit for digeftion, the dryer and harder foods needing more of this matter, will from this mechanism be fupplied with more than moifter foods, in about that proportion in which they are dryer and harder; and the dryer foods needing more faliva than the moifter, and is the reason why we can eat lefs, and digeft lefs of these than those. What quantity of faliva these glands can separate from the blood in a given time will be hard to determine; but in eating of dry bread, it cannot be lefs than the weight of the bread; and many men, in a little time, can eat more dry bread than twice the fize of these glands; and fome that are not used to fmoaking, can fpit half a pint in fmoaking one pipe of tobacco. Some men in a falivation have spit for days, or weeks together, a gallon in four and twenty hours; and yet all these glands put together do not weigh more than four ounces.

The glandulæ febaceæ are fituated in the interior furface of the eye-lids; they ferve for the fecretion of an oleaginous fluid, which prevents the attrition of the eye lids from their continual motion.

The glandula lachrymalis is fituated in the orbit, above the fmaller angle, with its excretory duct under the upper eyelids.

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The glandulæ ceruminofæ are fmall glands of a yellow colour, fituate in the convex part of the membrane of the meatus auditorius of the ear, about the middle of the paffage; they ferve to fecrete the cerumen, which they deposit for various purposes in the paffage.

Glandulæ mucofæ are fituated in the pituitary membrane of the noftrils, and feparate that matter which we call mucus.

DIALOGUE III.

Of the NECK and its PARTS.

Q. TTTHAT are the parts of the neck? A. The fore part of the neck is the throat and the back part of the nape. The neck confifts of feven bones or vertebræ; a number of muscles which ferve to move the head, neck, larynx, pharynx, and the os hyoideus; a number of very large arteries, as the internal and external carotids, and the vertebral jugulars, and the vertebral veins; large nerves of the par vagum, intercostals, recurrents, diaphragmatics and the vertebral; a part of the, spinal marrow; the aspera arteria or trachea, particularly the larynx; the pharynx, with part of the cofophagus; and the thyroide, with the T 2 other

other fmaller glands. The bones of the neck are named vertebræ

Q. What are the vertebræ?

A. The vertebræ or joints of the neck and back from the os occipitis to the os facrum, are twenty four in number, those of the neck belong alfo to the fpine forming one bony column for the reception of fpinal marrow; each vertebra is diftinguished in two parts, viz. the body and its proceffes, which are harder and more folid; the fore part of the body is round and convex; the hinder part fomewhat concave, its upper and lower parts are covered with a cartillage pretty thick forwards, but thin backwards, by which means we bend our body forwards; for the cartilages yield to the preffure of the bodies of the vertebræ, which in that motion come clofer to one another. This could not be effected, if the harder bodies of the vertebræ were clofe to one another. Each vertebra has three forts of processes, towards its hinder part, except the first : from the hind part of each stands a process named spinalis, and from every one a process on each fide called transversalis, with one short one above it, and fo below it, named obliqui fuperiores et inferiores. By these short oblique processes the vertebræ are articulated : and in each of the tranfverfe, there is a tendon of the vertebral mufcles inferted. These processes, with the hinder or concave part of the body of the vertebræ, form a large hole in each vertebra, and all the holes

holes answering one another (form the head to the os cocygis) make a channel for the defcent of the fpinal marrow, which fends out its nerves to the feveral parts of the body by pairs through two fmall lateral holes in each fpace, between the vertebræ formed by the joining of four notches in the fide of each fuperior and inferior vertebræ. The vertebræ are articulated to one another by a ginglymus; for the two inferior oblique processes of all the vertebræ of the neck and back, have a little cavity, like in their extremities, wherein they receive the extremities of the two superior oblique processes of the inferior vertebræ next to it; fo that the two fuperior proceffes of each vertebra of the neck and back are received, and the two inferior do receive, (except the first of the neck and last of the back) but the fuperior proceffes of each vertebra of the loins receive, and the two inferior are received, contrary to those of the neck and back. The vertebræ are all tied together by a hard membrane, made of ftrong and large fibres; it covers the body of all the vertebræ forwards, reaching from the first of the neck to the os facrum. There is another membrane which lines the canal, made by the large hole of each vertebra, which also ties them all together; befides, the bodies of the vertebræ are tied to one another by the intervening cartilages, and the tendons of the vertebral muscles which are inferted in their proceffes, as before mentioned, tie them together behind. From this account of the articulations of the vertebræ, it is evident their center of motion is altered in differ-

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ent politions of the trunk. For when we bow forwards, the fuperior moved part bears entirely on the bodies of the vertebræ; if we bend back the oblique processes support the weight; if we recline to one fide, we rest upon the oblique proceffes of that fide, and part of the bodies of the vertebræ; if we stand erect, all the bodies and oblique proceffes have their fhare in our fupport. From this structure, the extensors have about twice the lever to act with, and confequently, twice the power to raife the trunk into an erect pofture that they have to carry it beyond that pofture; for then the oblique proceffes begin to be the centre of motion, and give a like advantage to the benders; without this contrivance it would be more difficult to keep the body erect, or to recover an erect pofture with a confiderable ftrength after a bend of the body. If the fpine had been composed all of one bone, we could have had no motion in our back; or had it been of two or three bones or fewer bones or joints than it really is, they must have either been not capable of bending fo much as they do, (and been fo pliable for the feveral poftures we have occasion to put ourfelves in) or have bent more in each joint, which would have preffed or bruifed the fpinal marrow; the ill confequences of which are fufficiently feen in perfons grown crooked, or who have had diffortions from external accidents. Again, if the fpine had been made of feveral bones, without intervening cartilages, we should have had no more use of it, than if it had been but one bone; if each vertebra had had its own diftinct

diftinct cartilage, it might have been eafily diflocated; and, laftly, the oblique proceffes of each fuperior and inferior vertebra keep the middle one, that it can neither be thruft backwards nor forwards, to compress the medulla fpinalis.

Q. What are the bones of the neck?

A. The bones of the neck are the feven fuperior vertebræ of the fpine, (I have already mentioned) these vertebræ are smaller than those of the back, but they are of a firmer, harder confiftence; their body is more compreffed than in others, and is fituated on the other part, and convex below. The breadth on the fore part increases gradually as they defcend; fo that the vertebræ of the neck taken all together represent a fort of pyramid. The tansverse processes of these vertebræ are perforated for the paffage of the vertebral veffels to the head; and the acute or fpinal proceffes are forked and ftrait; but befides this, the first and fecond vertebræ have fomething peculiar to themfelves. The first, or upper vertebra is called Atlas (becaufe it fupports the head, as king Atlas did the globe of the universe, according to ancient fable ;) it has neither body nor fpinal procefs, for which reafon its fubstance is more folid than that of any other; the foramen or hole in this, is greater than in any other vertebra, and it looks like an irregular bony ring. The upper fide of this vertebra has two cavities, into which the apophyses of the os occipitis are received; but these two cavities together, unlike all other joints, are laterally por-I 4 tions

tions of concentric circles, by which means they are but as one joint, and fo fuffer the head to move eafily fideways, which otherwife it could no more do than the knee, which alfo has two heads and two cavities. The under fide of this bone has a very flat articulation with the next, which fits it for a rotatory motion. In the fore part of its great hole it has a pretty large finus, in which lies the tooth-like procefs of the fecond vertebra, being fastened by a ligament that rifes from each fide of the finus, that it compress not the medulla spinalis; it has two fmall finuses in its upper part, in which the tenth pair of nerves and the vertebral arteries lie. The fecond vertebra is called epiftrophæus, dentata, or axis, from a procefs which paffes through the former bone, and is the axis upon which it turns; neverthelefs, all the vertebræ of the neck contribute fomething to the rotatory motion of the head. The proceffus dentatus, which is long and round like a tooth, from whence its name, is fituate in the middle, between the two oblique superior process; it is received into the aforefaid finus of the atlas, and is ftrongly tied to the os occipitis, and to the atlas by ligaments, to prevent its hurting the fpinal marrow. All the reft of the vertebræ of the neck are alike. See the account of the vertebræ in general, page 116.

Q. What are the cartilages of the neck? A. The cartilages of the bones of the neck? and of all the vertebræ in general, are of two kinds, one proper to each vertebra, the other common to the two vertebræ that lie next each other; other; the first I term cartilages of articulation, the other cartilages of fymphyfis. The proper articular cartilages of each vertebra of the whole fpine are those four which cover the furfaces of the four imall oblique or articular apophyfes. The cartilages of fymphysis lie between the bodies of the vertebræ, one closely joined to each bone; their height and thickness is different in each class of the vertebræ; those of the neck are not fo thick as those of the loins, nor fo thin as those of the vertebræ of the back; nor are the cartilages of an equal thickness in all their parts; those of the neck and loins appear to be the thickest on the fore fide, and those of the back rather thickeft on the backfide. Thefe cartilages are different from all others in the body, being made up of horizontal, concentrical rings, clofeft, and thinneft near the center, refembling the other cartilages of the body in nothing but their whiteness and elasticity; the interffices between the rings are filled with a mucilaginous fubstance, less fluid than that of the joints. All these cartilages yield to compreffion, and in the inflexions of the fpine, the external furface of the cartilage jets out on that fide toward which the inflexion is made; they reftore themselves afterwards by being freed from compression; so that a man is really taller, after lying fome time, than after he has walked or carried a burthen for a great while; owing to the different state of the intervertebral cartilages. The cartilages of the larynx, &c. will be defcribed with the mufcles.

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Q. What are the ligaments of the neck?

A. All the vertebræ of the fpine in general are strongly connected to each other by ligaments, which are very fhort and ftrong; they crofs each other obliquely, and are fixed round the edges of the body of each vertebra, covering the intervertebral cartilages, and adhering closely to them; but the first and second vertebra have both ligaments of a peculiar kind from the reft. All the vertebræ are likewife ftrongly connected by a ligamentary tube, which lines the inner furface of the medullary canal, reprefenting a long flexible funnel, its cavity at the upper part being equal to that of the occipital foramen, and ending in a fmall point at the os facrum : the articular ligaments of the fpine are those which tie the glenoide cavities of the atlas to the condyles of the os occipitis; those that join the cartilaginous furface of the apophyfis dentiformis to the anterior cavity of the first vertebra, and those by which all the oblique or articular apophyfes are connected together: thefe are all fmall, fhort, ftrong ligaments, fixed by both extremities round the cartilaginous furfaces of the apophyfes, furrounding very clofely all the capfular ligaments of these articulations before mentioned. The membranous ligaments of any fignification will be defcribed with the muscles.

Q. What are the mucilaginous glands of the neck?

A. The mucilaginous glands of all the articulations of the vertebræ of the neck are very fmall, but are accompanied by many fatty moleculæ leculæ lying round each joint; the inner furface of the ligamentary tube just now mentioned, is lubricated by an oily or adipose substance, which I have mentioned already. See page 25.

Q. What are the muscles of the neck ?

A. Befides those only peculiar to the neck, there are first those of the head and neck conjointly; then those peculiar to the neck, larynx, epiglottis, and pharynx : those of the head and neck conjointly are, biventer cervicalis, complexus, mastoideus, trachelomastoideus, splenius capitis, and rectus capitis internus major. Those only peculiar to the neck, are, interspinales cervicis, intertransversalis cervicis, spinalis cervicis, transversalis cervicis, longus colli, splenius colli; the reft I must omit till I come to defcribe those of the thorax and abdomen. The muscles of the larynx are, sternothyroideus, hyothyroideus vel cerato thyroideus, cricothyroideus, crico-arytænoideus, lateralis et posticus, thyro-arytænoideus arytænoideus, and with thefe I shall first mention the cartilages and membranes of the larynx. The mufcles of the epiglottis, viz. arytæno epiglotticus, and the hyo-epiglotticus; to thefe I shall add the cefophagus. The muscles of the pharynx are, stylopharingæus, pterygopharingæus, constrictor pharyngei vel œsophagus, palato pharingæus.

Q. What is the biventer cervicalis?

A. The biventer cervicalis arifes from the transverse processes of the seven superior dorfal vertebræ, and is inferted into the back part of the os occipitis.

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Q. Which is the complexus?

A. The complexus is a broad and pretty long mufcle, fituate along the back part and fide of the neck; it arifes from the three fuperior dorfal vertebræ, and the fix inferior vertebræ of the neck, and is inferted with the biventer into the os occipitis and back part of the os temporis. It pulls the head and neck back.

Q. Which is the maftoideus?

A. The maftoideus is fituate obliquely between the back part of the ear and lower part of the throat; it is in a manner composed of two muscles, (which Albinus terms sternomastoideus, and cleido-mastoideus) though in fact but one; it arifes from the fternum and clavicula in two portions, but foon unites in one, and is inferted into the outer part of the proceffus mastoideus of the os temporis; over this procefs it fends off a very broad aponeurofis, which covers the fplenius, and is inferted in the os occipitis; it pulls that fide of the head it is inferted into towards the sternum, and turns the face towards the contrary fhoulder; this muscle, with its fellow, pulls the head and neck toward the breaft; but acts with more force on the joints of the neck, than upon the head.

Q. Which is the trachelo-maftoideus?

A. The trachelo-maftoideus arifes from the transverse process of the first and second vertebræ of the back, runs up under the splenius, and is inferted into the middle of the backfide of the procession mastoideus.

Q. Which is the fplenius capitis?

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A. The fplenius capitis arifes from the fpinal proceffes of the five lower vertebræ of the neck, and the five upper ones of the back, and alfo the linea alba colli. It is inferted into the os occipitis a little above the transverse processes of the three superior vertebræ of the neck. This muscle pulls the head and neck backward, and to the contrary fide; but both of them acting together, pull them directly backward.

Q. Which is the rectus internus major?

A. The rectus capitis internus major, I have already described with the muscles of the head.

Q. Which are the interfpinales cervicis?

A. They are muscles atiling from the superior parts of each double spinal process of the cervical vertebræ, and inferted into the inferior parts of the same. When these muscles act, they bend the neck backward, drawing the spines of the vertebræ nearer each other.

Q. Which are the intertranseversales cervicis?

A. They are fituate between the transverse process of the vertebræ, like the interspinales; they arise from the lower vertebra of the neck, and are inferted into that next above: these Douglas calls intervertebrales.

Q. Which is the fpinalis cervicis?

A. The fpinalis cervicis arifes from the tranfverfe proceffes of the five fuperior vertebræ of the back; and is inferted into the fpinal proceffes of the fecond, third, fourth and fifth vertebræ of the neck. This pulls the neck backward.

Q. Which is the transversalis cervicis?

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A. The transversalis vel femi-spinalis cervicis arifes from the oblique processes of the four inferior vertebræ of the neck, and is inferted into the fpinal process of the second vertebra of the neck. This is only a continuance of the tranfverfalis dorfi, and moves the neck obliquely backwards, as when we look over the fhoulder.

Q. Which is the longus colli?

A. The longus colli arifes laterally from the bodies of the four fuperior vertebræ of the back, and from the anterior part of the transverse proceffes of the five inferior vertebræ of the neck; and is inferted into the fore part of the first and fecond vertebræ of the neck, which it bends forward.

Q. Which is the fplenius colli?

A. The fplenius colli arifes from the fpinal proceffes of the ninth and tenth vertebræ of the back, and is inferted into the transverse processes of the fifth, fixth and feventh vertebra of the neck.

The reft of the muscles of the neck I shall defer mentioning till I come to fpeak of those of the thorax and abdomen.

The muscles of the head and neck are most of them obliquely directed; therefore they perform the oblique motions, as well as extension and flexion.

The afpera vel trachea arteria or wind-pipe, I shall describe hereafter, with the contents of the thorax.

Q. What is the larynx?

A. The larynx is the thick upper part of the alpera

aspera arteria or wind-pipe, principally composed of five cartilages.

Q. What are the cartilages of the larynx?

A. They are five, viz. 1. The thyroide, or fcutiform cartilage, which stands in the anterior part, and is the largest of the five; in the fore part of this cartilage is the protuberance called pomum adami. 2. The cricoide or annular cartilage. 3, and 4. The arytænoide cartilages, which with the cricoide, make the glottis, (that is the mouth of the larynx) more eafily open and contract. Between the arytænoides and fides of the thyroides, there are two fmall cavities on each fide; in which, if a little drink or bread fall, (as fometimes happens, when we laugh or fpeak when eating or drinking) it causes a violent cough, and a great tickling. 5. The fifth and last cartilage, which is fofter than the reft, is the epiglottis; its use is to cover the glottis, in eating and drinking; for the aliments, by their own weight, preis it clofer down upon the glottis, and they pass over without entering the larynx, into the cefophagus or gullet; but when the aliments are passed, the epiglottis by its natural action, (which is common to all cartilages) lifts up again, and gives way to the air in breathing. While we fpeak, or laugh, the glottis must necessarily be opened for the paffage of the air in breathing; therefore it is not convenient to fpeak while we fwallow.

The membrane which invefts the larynx is very fenfible, and is furnished with a number of exceeding small glands and ofcula or openings which which difcharge a lubricating fluid. The ventricles of the larynx are certain hollows, fome of them fmaller, fome larger; they are on the infide of it, under the glottis, and ferve to modulate the voice. These, with the dilatation and ftraitening of the muscles and cartilages of the glottis, give that wonderful variety of notes, the voice is capable of in finging, &c.

Q. Which is the fternothyroideus ?

A. The fternothyroideus muscle arises from the fternum, and is inferted into the scutiform cartilage, which it pulls downward.

Q. Which is the hyothyroideus?

A. The hyothyroideus vel cerato-thyroideus muscle arises from the os hyoides, and is inferted into the scutiform cartilage which it pulls upward.

Q. Which is the cricothyroideus?

A. The cricothyroideus arifes from the fore part of the cricoide cartilage, runs under the thyroide cartilage, and is inferted into its infide, which it pulls towards the cricoides, and ferves occafionally either to dilate or conftringe the glottis.

Q. Which is the crico-arytanoideus?

A. The crico-arytænoideus lateralis arifes from the lateral part of the cricoide cartilage; and is inferted into the lateral part of the arytænoides; this with its fellow ferves to dilate the rimula or glottis.

Q. Which is the crico-arytænoideus pofticus?

A. The crico-arytænoideus posticus arifes from the back part of the cricoide cartilage, and is

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is inferted into the arytænoides to pull it backward and dilate the glottis.

Q. Which is the thyro-arytænoideus?

A. The thyro-arytænoideus arifes from the fcutiform, and is inferted into the fore part of the arytænoide cartilage; it ferves together with the following muscle, to constringe the rimula or glottis.

Q. Which is the arytænoideus?

A. The arytænoideus is one fingle muscle, though Winflow and Douglas divide it into two or three. It arifes from one arytænoidal cartilage, and is inferted into the other, which forms a sphincter for contracting the rimula, and shutting the glottis.

Q. Which is the epiglottis?

A. The epiglottis has three exceedingly fmall mufcles, (viz. the thyroepiglotticus, arytænoepiglotticus, and the hyoepiglotticus) which ferve to cover the glottis in the act of fwallowing, and prevent any thing getting into it; but they are fo very minute as to render any further defcription unneceffary.

The œsophagus, gula or gullet, I shall describe hereafter with the contents of the thorax. The pharynx is the upper part of the œsophagus next the mouth, in which are a number of glands situated, and excretory ofcula or openings are frequently discovered with them; the muscles of the pharynx serve to open and shut the œsophagus.

Q. Which is the ftylopharingæus? 1999.

A. The ftylopharingæus muscle arises from the ftyloide process, and is inferted on both K fides fides into the ftyloide and thyroide proceffes: this mufcle with its fellow ferve to elevate as well as dilate the pharynx to receive the aliments.

Q. Which is the pterygopharingæus?

A. The pterygopharingæus fpheno vel falpingopharyngæus, arifes from the inner wing of the os fphenoides, and is inferted partly into the pterygoide apophyfis' and partly into the cartilaginous portion of the Euftachian tube; its ufe is to dilate the pharynx, and draw the middle part of it upwards.

Q. Which is the conftrictor pharyngei?

A. The confrictor pharyngei, vel œfophagus, arifes like a wing from feveral parts of the fkull, tongue, os hyoides, cricoide and thyroide cartilages, and is inferted into the back part of the pharynx, which it draws to the fore part, and not only conftringes the pharynx for preffing down the aliment, but alfo compreffes the tonfillæ, which fend out their liquor to lubricate the aliment, whereby it glides the more eafily down into the ftomach.

Q. Which is the palatopharingæus?

A. The palatopharingæus arifes from the aponeurofis of the circumflexus palati, and is inferted into the ftylopharingæus. This muscle more properly belongs to the palate.

Winflow and fome others make many fubdivifions of the mufcles of the pharynx, and give them peculiar names, but they are quite unneceffary.

Q. What are the arteries of the neck? A. The

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A. The arteries of the neck are the vertebral arteries, and the internal and external carotids; and their branches are called by the names of the parts they are beftowed upon, as laryngæ, pharingæ, &c.

Q. What are the carotid arteries ?

A. The carotid arteries are two in number, as I have before obferved (in defcribing the arteries of the head) one called the right carotid, the other the left. They arife near each other, from the curvature, or arch of the aorta. The left immediately, but the right most commonly from the trunk of the fubclavia, as I have already observed. They run upon each fide of the trachea arteria, between it and the internal jugular vein, as high as the larynx, without any ramification. During this courfe, they may be called carotid trunks, as each of them are afterwards ramified. The trunk having reached as high as the larynx, divides into two large branches, one named the external carotid artery, and the other the internal.

Q. Which is the external carotid artery, and how diffributed?

A. The external carotid artery is anterior, the internal carotid pofterior : and the former lies more inward, and nearer the larynx than the latter; but the names of the blood veffels are taken from the parts they are diffributed to, and not from their fituation. The external carotid is the finalleft, and yet appears by its direction to be a continuation of the common trunk; its branches may be divided into anterior or internal, and pofterior or external. The first ante-K 2 rior or internal branch goes out from the very origin of the carotid on the infide, and fends off branches to the jugular glands, fat and fkin, glandulæ thyroideæ, muscles, and other parts of the larynx, therefore termed laringæ: it likewise soft fome twigs to the pharynx. The third anterior branch, or arteria maxillaris inferior, goes to the mastoide muscle, the soft flexors of the head, and muscles of the pharynx, and also to the parts just mentioned. The other branches supplying the head and its parts, I have already described. See the arteries of the head.

Q. How is the internal carotid artery diffributed?

A. The internal carotid artery, leaving the general trunk, paffes behind the external carotid, a little more backward, and generally runs up without any ramification as high as the lower orifice of the great canal of the apophyfis petrofus of the os temporis; therefore fends no branches to the neck.

Q. What is the vertebral artery?

A. The vertebral artery arifes from the pofterior and upper fide of the fubclavian; it runs up through all the holes in the transverse apophyses of the vertebræ of the neck, and in its passage fends off branches to the aspera arteria, cesophagus, muscles of the pharynx, larynx, jugular glands, and all the muscles and integuments of the neck, which take their names (as I have before observed) from the several parts they are bestowed on. See arteriæ cervicales.

Q. What are the veins of the neck?

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A. The veins of the neck are the internal and external jugulars, and the vertebral veins, which all arife from the fubclavians.

Q. What are the external jugular veins?

A. The external jugular veins are fometimes double from their origin; and when they are fingle each of them divides afterwards into two; one anterior, and the other posterior or rather fuperior. The anterior in its paffage fends branches to the muscles of the larynx, and to part of the mastoideus; besides those sent to the head and its parts. The posterior, a little higher up than its origin, gives off the vena cervicalis to the vertebral mufcles of the neck; near the cervical vein fometimes arifes the imall vena cephalica, which running down between the pectoral and deltoide muscles unites with the cephalic vein of the arm, which I shall describe hereafter : both the anterior and posterior external jugular run up the neck, between the integuments and the musculus mastoidæus.

Q. How is the internal jugular vein diftributed?

A. The internal jugular vein is the largeft of all those that go to the neck : it runs up behind the mastroideus and coracohyoideus, along the fides of the vertebræ of the neck to the fosfula of the foramen lacerum of the basis cranii; in its passage it fends off small branches to the thyroide glands, then the vena gutturalis to the thyroide gland larynx, and neighbouring mufcles.

Q. What is the vertebral vein?

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A. The vertebral vein arifes posteriorly from the fubclavian or axillaris, fometimes by two, ftems, fometimes by one, which foon afterwards divides into two; the first and principal stem gives out the vena cervicalis to the neighbouring muscles, and then runs up through the holes of the transverse apophyses of the vertebræ colli. The other ftem runs up on the fide of the vertebræ, and communicates with the first, running in between the transverse apophyses of the fourth and fifth vertebræ. Thus the vertebral vein accompanies the vertebral artery fometimes in one trunk, fometimes in feveral ftems, through all the holes of the transverse apophyses of the vertebræ, all the way to the great foramen occipitale, communicating with the occipital veins, and fmall occipital finuses of the dura mater; these veins as they pass fupply the muscles of the neck, and great canal of the fpinal marrow, where they form finuses, which communicate with those on the other fide; these finufes are pretty numerous, placed one above another all the way to the occiput, communicating with one another, and at laft with the occipital finuses of the dura mater.

Q. What are the nerves of the neck?

A. The nerves of the neck proceed from the medulla fpinalis, and are feven pair; though by fome reckoned eight, as before obferved. The first pair goes out between the first and fecond vertebræ, and after communicating with the tenth and fecond vertebral, is fpent on the musculus flexus colli, spenius, complexus, and teguments of the occipitis. The second pair commu-

communicates with the ninth, and with the first and third of the neck, and then is distributed to the teguments of the neck, and fide of the head, and to the glandula parotis and external ear, where it joins with the portio dura. The third pair of cervical nerves paffes out between the third and fourth vertebra, foon communicates with the fecond, and fending down a large branch, which being joined by another from the fourth pair, forms the phrenic nerve that runs along the pericardium to be loft in the diaphragm, making a small turn round that part of the pericardium which covers the apex of the heart; hence it is that fuch as have ftrong palpitations of the heart, feel a pungent acute pain immediately above the right orifice of the ftomach: the other branches of the third cervical are diffributed to the mufculus trapezius, and deltoides, and to the teguments on the top of the shoulder; which with the description of the eighth pair, leads us evidently to the reafon that an inflammation of the liver is generally attended with a hiccup, and a fuppuration of that viscus, with a violent pain on the top of the shoulder; however, it is not always a certain fign of the liver being fuppurated, for any other cause stimulating or stretching the nerves, fuch as inflammation, wounds, fchirrous or fteatomatous tumours, &c. may produce the fame effect. The fourth cervical pair, after fending off that branch which joins the third to form the phrenic, runs strait to the axilla, where it meets with the fifth, fixth, and feventh cervicals, and first dorfal that escape in the interstices of the K 4 muſculi

musculi scaleni; these give off nerves to the muscles of the neck, scapula, arm, and thorax, and to the teguments; and the considerable branches into which they are divided are fix; but as they properly belong to the hand and arm, I shall deferibe them with those parts.

Q. What are the glands of the neck?

A. The principal gland of the neck is the thyroides; befides which there are a great number of leffer ones by the fides of the carotid arteries and jugular veins, and diffributed here and there among the mufcles and fat. Thofe in the anterior part of the neck are called jugulars; and thofe in the hinder part occipitales and cervicales; and thefe are all called lymphatic glands.

Q. What are the glandulæ thyroidæ?

A. The glandulæ thyroidæ are two lymphatic glands, in figure refembling the new moon; they adhere to the larynx and œfophagus, and are of a red colour; and they have arteries, veins, and nerves, as the larynx. Thefe glands fecrete a lubricating fluid, which moiftens the cartilages and mufcles of the larynx.

The œfophagus, especially towards it upper part, has a great number of glands.

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DIALOGUE IV.

Of the THORAX and its PARTS.

Q. WHAT is the thorax ? A. The thorax is that large part of the body fituated between the abdomen and the neck, and answers to the extent of the sternum, ribs, and vertebræ of the back, both outwardly and inwardly. The anterior part is commonly called the breaft; the posterior part, the back; and the lateral parts, the right and left fides. This cavity is lined by a membrane named plura, and divided into lateral cavities by a membranous feptum named mediaftinum, which is a production or duplicature of the plura. The parts contained in the thorax are the heart, pericardium, trunk of the aorta, trunks of the carotid arteries, fubclavian arteries, trunks of the vertebral and axillary arteries, the fuperior portion of the defcending aorta, the intercostal arteries, the vena cava fuperior, vena azygos, fubclavian veins, trunks of the jugular, vertebral and axillary veins, a portion of the aspera arteria, the greater part of the celophagus, the ductus lacteus, or thoracicus, the lungs, pulmonary artery, pulmonary vein and nerves of the feveral parts. The cavity of the thorax is terminated downwards by the diaphragm, which separates it from the abdomen. The heart and lungs are properly the vifcera

vifcera of the thorax, I shall therefore speak of them separately.

Q. What are the bones of the thorax ?

A. The bones of the thorax are the twelve fuperior vertebræ of the back, (from the laft vertebra of the neck downward,) the ribs, and the fternum. The claviculæ and fcapulæ belonging properly to the upper extremities, fhall fpeak of them hereafter. The whole fpine, (as I have before obferved) confifts of twenty-four vertebræ; thofe of the neck are already fpoken of; the next twelve of the fpine belong to the thorax, to thefe the ribs are articulated. See a general defcription of the vertebræ, page 115.

The twelve vertebræ of the thorax, or back, differ from the reft in this, that they are larger than those of the neck, and fimaller than those of the loins; their acute proceffes flope downwards upon one another; they have in each fide of their bodies a fmall depression, wherein they receive the round extremities of the ribs, and another in their transverse processes, which receive the little tubercle near the extremity of the ribs. The articulation of the twelfth vertebra of the thorax, with the first of the loins, is by arthrodia; for both its afcending and defcending oblique processes are received. The twelve vertebræ of the back have the least motion of any, because their cartilages are thin, their acute proceffes are long, and very near to one another; and they are fixed to the ribs, which neither move backwards nor forwards. They are bent backwards, behind the center of motion, to make room for the parts contained in the

the thorax; and that they might not be made too weak by this structure, they are formed for lefs motion than other vertebræ; and those in particular which are bent farthest from the center of gravity have the least motion. The forepart of the two upper vertebræ of the thorax are flat forwards, as those of the neck, to make room for the afpera arteria and gula; the third and fourth vertebræ are acute, to give way to the veffels of the lungs and heart, and bent to the right fide for the better fituation of the heart, which makes the fide of the breaft more convex than the other, and therefore ftronger; which feems advantageous to the right arm, its motions depending upon the fupport it receives from the breaft; hence the right arm is capable of more perfect actions than the other. The vertebræ of the back are hindered from diflocating forwards by the fame provision with those of the neck; and from luxating backwards by the ribs, which are fastened to the transverse processes of the inferior vertebræ, and against the back part of the body of the next fuperior; they also hinder them from diflocating to either fide; but the last ribs are not fixed to the tranfverse processes of the vertebræ of the thorax; and therefore it is that luxations are most frequently seen in this part: but the vertebræ of the loins are received into deep cavities, and are tied with much stronger ligaments for their fecurity.

Those that have the vertebræ of the back flick out are faid to be hunch-back'd; and in fuch the cartilages which are between the vertebræ tebræ are very thin and hard forwards, but confiderably thick backwards, where the oblique proceffes of the fuperior and inferior vertebræ, are at a confiderable diftance from one another, which diftance is filled up with a vifcous fubstance. This inequality of the thickness of the cartilages happen either by a relaxation or weaknefs of the ligaments and muscles, which are fastened to the back fide of the vertebræ, in which cafe their antagonifts finding no oppofition, remain in a continual contraction, and confequently there can be no motion in thefe vertebræ. If this deformity has been from the womb, the bones being at that time foft and tender, the bodies of the vertebræ partake of the fame inequality as the cartilages. If the bunch be towards one shoulder, for example towards the right, then the cartilages on that fide are very thick, but thin and dry on the other fide; on the left fide the oblique apophyfes come close together; but on the right there is a confiderable diftance betwixt them, and the ligaments and mufcles are greatly extended on the right fide, but those on the left are much contracted. If the vertebræ are diftorted inwards, all things have a different face; the cartilages, and fometimes the vertebræ, are very thick forwards, but very thin and hard backwards; the acute and oblique proceffes are very close to one another; and the ligaments upon the bodies of the vertebræ are greatly relaxed, but the muscles and ligaments which tie the proceffes together are very much contracted. Thefe

These differtions feldom happen in the vertebra of the loins; but such as are so miserable, have little or no motion in the back.

Q. How is the fternum or breaft-bone compofed?

A. The sternum or breast-bone is generally composed of three spongy bones, sometimes more; in the upper part of this bone, on each fide, the clavicles are articulated; the middle part is narrow, the lower part broad; to the end of this adheres a cartilage, called from its figure cartilago enfiformis vel ziphoides, which is ufually fingle; fometimes it is double, and bifurcated, and not unfrequently bony throughout. Many are the different ways that this fmall bone may be formed without any inconvenience. But then fome of their politions may be fo directed as to bring on a great train of ill confequences; particularly when the lower end is offified, and is too much turned outwards or inwards, or when the conjunction of this appendix with the fecond bone is too weak.

There is alfo frequently found a variety in the forms of the cartilages which join the r.bs and fternum, fometimes one cartilage ferving two ribs, and fometimes a cartilage not joined to any rib; frequently in old people we find parts of them offified. On each fide of the fternum, there are feven cavities, for the articulation of the feven true ribs, to which their eartilages are fixed. The fternum ferves to form the anterior part of the breaft, to fupport the ribs and clavicles, and to defend the parts contained in the cavity cavity of the breaft; it also ferves for the infertion of the mediastinum, and for the fustaining the heart itself and feveral muscles.

Q. How many ribs are there, and how are they composed ?

A. The coftæ or ribs are twenty-four in number, twelve on each fide; the middle ribs are the largeft; all the ribs are harder, rounder and more incurvated towards their articulations with the vertebræ, than at the other extremity towards the sternum, which is thinner, broader and more spongy. The ribs are distinguished into true and spurious; the true ribs are the feven upper pair, fo called, becaufe their cartilages reach the fternum; the fpurious, or baftard ribs, are the five loweft pair, fo called, as being fmaller, fhorter, and more cartilaginous than the reft, and not reaching fo far as the fternum, which makes their articulations very lax, as they terminate in long, foft cartilages; which bending upwards, are joined to the upper ribs. On the infide of the middle ribs runs a pretty deep finus, or channel, for the paffage of the intercostal vessels, reaching from the end next the fpine, almost to its juncture with the cartilage. In the anterior extremities, the cartilages of the feven true ribs are all joined to the fternum; the eighth, ninth, and fometimes the tenth, cohere either with the sternum, or mutually adhere to one another, by means of their transverse cartilages. The anterior extremities of all the others, are loofe and free, between the muscles of the abdomen and the diaphragm. In the posterior extremities there are in most of them

them two capitulæ, or heads, which are firmly joined to the vertebræ of the back, yet fo as to form moveable articulations; for when they are drawn upwards, the cavity of the breaft is enlarged for infpiration, and fo the contrary. The ribs of infants may be broken inwards like a green ftick, without the broken ends being feparated; which is often done by the idle cuftom of carelefs nurfes, taking hold of their breafts, and hoifting them up on one hand frequently: the fhape of children's breaft, are many times quite fpoiled by fuch tricks, which occasions weaknefs of body, crookednefs, and other difeafes.

Q. What are the cartilages of the thorax ?

A. The cartilages of the bones of the thorax are those of the vertebræ, sternum, and ribs; but the cartilages of the vertebræ are already spoken of.

Q. What are the cartilages of the sternum and ribs?

A. The fternum of an adult has commonly fixteen cartilages, (eight on each fide) fourteen are articular, the other two fymphyfes. Of the articular eartilages, two belong to the articulations of the clavicula, and twelve to thofe of the true ribs, from the fecond to the feventh inclufively. The two fymphyfes are thofe between the fternum, and the firft rib on each fide. There is likewife another fymphyfis, by which the upper portion of the fternum is connected to the lower, the cartilage of which is often obliterated in an advanced age. The apophyfis enfiformis is often bony towards the fternum;

num; and more or lefs cartilaginous at the other end. In very aged perfons it has been found entirely offified, and fometimes wholly cartilaginous, even in adults. All the ribs have cartilaginous portions (as before mentioned) which differ from each other in length, breadth, incurvation, adhefions, and in their extremities are whiter, more polifhed, broader and thicker in the natural ftate than when they are dried.

The cartilages of the baftard, or falfe ribs, are naturally more flender and pliable than those of the true ribs, the middle or inner fubftance of which acquires the confistence of bones in old age, and their extremities fometimes offify, and are immoveably fixed to the sternum.

Q. What are the ligaments of the fternum and ribs?

A. The fternum has feveral ligaments by which it is connected with the clavicles and ribs. It is joined to the clavicles by ftrong fhort ligaments fixed by one extremity round the edges of its fuperior notches; by the other, in the extremity of each clavicle; and by the middle to the inter-articular cartilages already explained. All the ribs are connected to the bodies of the vertebræ, by ftrong, fhort, ligamentary fasciculi, fixed by one end round the foffulæ in the vertebræ, and by the other round the head of each rib. The ribs are likewife tied to each other by thin ligaments which go obliquely from the cartilage of each rib to that of the next. The ten uppermost ribs on each fide are connected to the transverse apophyses of the vertebræ of the back, by ftrong, fhort, articular ligaments

ligaments fixed much in the fame manner as those between the heads of the ribs and bodies of the vertebræ. Both thefe articulations are provided with capfular ligaments. The eleventh rib on each fide having no articulation with the transverse apophyses, is connected to them by auxillary strong short ligaments fixed in its neck. The laft rib is only joined by its head to the body of the twelfth vertebra of the back; but it is connected in a particular manner to the transverse apophysis of the first vertebra of the loins by a broad ligament. The first true rib has no ligamentary connection with the sternum, the cartilaginous symphysis being sufficient. The reft are closely joined to that bone in the fame manner as the clavicles above-mentioned. The cartilage of the first false rib is joined to that of the last true rib, by several short ligamentary filaments; and the other baftard ribs are connected together much in the fame manner.

Q. What are the mufcles of the thorax?

A. The muscles of the thorax are, extensor dorfi et lumborum vel multifidus spinæ, scalenus, serratus, superior et inferior posticus, intercostales externi et interni, triangularis sterni, and diaphragma; befides those whose actions tend chiefly to the upper extremities, which I shall describe hereafter.

Q. Which is the extensor dorfi et lumborum mulcle ?

A. The longiffimus dorfi, multifidus fpinæ, femispinalis, facrolumbalis, &c. are all that portion of flesh betwixt the os facrum and the neck, which feeing there is no membrane to Ι. diftinguish

diftinguish it into several muscles, is all employed in the fame actions, I give it the name of extensor dorfi et lumborum vel multifidus spinæ, which arifes from the upper part of the os facrum, the spine of the os ilium, the back parts of the lowermost vertebræ of the loins, and remarkably from those strong tendons which appear on their outfides. That part of this mufcle which is known by the name of facrolumbalis is inferted into all the ribs near their articulations with the transverse process of the vertebræ, and into the transverse process of the last vertebræ of the neck; befides, as this passes over the ribs, it receives an origin from every , rib. The portions of this muscle, which arife from the rib,s and are inferted into other ribs. above, will neceffarily draw the back part of the ribs nearer together, which must always be done as the back extends. The next portion of this muscle, called longistimus dorfi, is inferted into all the transverse processes of the vertebræ of the back (belonging to the thorax) and partly into the ribs, and the uppermoft transverse processes of the vertebræ of the loins, the upper end of it is neither very diffinct from the complexus of the head, nor fpinalis of the neck. The reft of this muscle, known by the names of semi-spinalis, facer, &c. arifes alfo from all the transverse and oblique processes of the loins and back; every portion, except the lowermost, passing over five joints, is inserted into the spinal process of the fixth vertebra above its origin, all the way up the back, and at the neck commences transverfalis colli. Befides

indes the uses of the extensor dorfi et lumborum, which its name implies, it and its fellow alternately raise the hips in walking, which any one may feel by laying his hand upon his back.

Q. Which is the fcalenus muscle?

A. The fcalenus arifes from the transverse proceffes of the fecond, third, fourth, fifth, and fixth cervical vertebræ. It is inferted in three parts, into the first, fecond, and fometimes the third rib, being thus divided for the transmiffion of the fubclavian vessels; hence fome anatomical writers have made three muscles of it, under the names of first, fecond, and third fcalenus, or prior, medius, and posticus. This muscle may bend the neck; but its chief use is to support the upper ribs, and partly elevate the thorax.

Q. Which is the ferratus fuperior posticus?

A. The ferratus fuperior posticus lies immediately under the rhomboides, and arifes from the fpinal proceffes of the two inferior vertebræ of the neck, and the three fuperior of the thorax; but it is inferted at the bending of the fecond, third, and fourth ribs: this, with the fcalenus, fultains the upper ribs, that they might not be pulled downward by the depreffors of the ribs in expiration, as the lower ribs are upward in infpiration.

Q. Which is the ferratus inferior pofficus?

A. The ferratus inferior posticus arises from the spinal process of the three superior vertebræ of the loins, and two inferior of the thorax; and is inferted at the bending of the ninth,

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tenth, and eleventh ribs. It pulls down the ribs in expiration.

Q. Which are the intercostales externi et interni?

A. The intercostales externi et interni are eleven pair on each fide, in the interffices of the ribs; from their fituations diftinguished into external and internal; they all arife from the under edge of each rib, and are inferted into the upper edge of the rib below. The exter-'nal are largest backward, having their first beginnings from the transverse processes of the vertebræ, like diftinct muscles, which fome call levatores coftarum. The internal run all from above obliquely backward, being thickeft forward and thinnest toward the fpine; these are alfo continued betwixt the cartilages of the fternum, which fibres are perpendicular to the cartilages; and between the cartilages of the loweft ribs, they are infeparable from the obliquus afcendens abdominis. These muscles, by drawing the ribs nearer to each other, pull them all upward, and dilate the thorax, they being fufrained at the top by the scalenus and ferratus fuperior pofficus.

Q. Which is the triangularis fterni muscle?

A. The triangularis fterni arifes from the lower and interior part of the fternum, and internally from the cartilago enfiformis; it is inferted on each fide into the cartilages of the fourth, fifth, fixth, and feventh true ribs; and it is one of the conftrictor or depreffor mufcles of the breaft, which pulls the ribs to the bone of the

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the sternum, and thereby bends its cartilages in expiration.

Q. Which is the diaphragma?

A. The diaphragma is the transverse muscle which feparates the thorax from the abdomen. This is a very broad and thin muscle, fituated at the bafis of the thorax, and ferving as a tranfverse partition to separate that cavity from the abdomen : for this reafon the Greeks termed it diaphragma, and the Latins, feptum transverfum. Its upper fuperfices is convex, and its lower concave. It is connected with the fternum, the fpurious ribs, the pericardium, the mediastinum, and the vertebræ of the loins. There are in the diaphragm two large foramina; the first is in the left fide of it, and gives paffage to the gula, and the par vagum; the fecond is in the right fide, and the lower trunk of the vena cava paffes through it; there is also an interffice between the two heads of the lower part; through which pais the aorta, the vena azygos, and the ductus thoracicus. The diaphragm is covered with a membrane on the upper part from the pleura; on the lower from the peritonæum. This muscle arises on the right fide by a process from three lumbal vertebræ, and one of the thorax; and on the left, from one fuperior of the loins, and inferior of the thorax; and is inferted in the lower part of the fternum, and the five inferior ribs. The middle of this muscle is a flat tendon, from whence the fleshy fibres begin, and are distributed, like radii, from a centre to a circumference. The uses of the diaphragm are, first, to affist in re-L 3 fpiration ;

fpiration; for in taking in the breath it is preffed downwards, and in expiration, it rifes upward, into the cavity of the thorax : fecondly, to affift the neceffary motions of the contents of the abdomen, viz. of the ftomach, inteftines, liver, and fpleen; and in the promoting the fecretions of the chyle, bile, &c. and, laftly, for affifting the expulsion of the fæces, the urine, the fætus in parturition, and of the fecundines. When the diaphragm acts alone, it conftricts the thorax, pulling the ribs downward, which action is generally performed to promote the ejection of the fæces.

Q. What are the viscera of the thorax?

A. The vifcera of the thorax are properly only the heart and lungs; but that cavity alfo contains the pleura, mediaftinum, pericardium, a portion of the trachea arteria, and the greater part of the œfophagus, befides the thoracic duct, blood veffels, nerves, and glands.

Q. What is the pleura?

A. The pleura is a fine, fmooth, robuft, and tenfe membrane, adhering very clofely to the inner furface of the ribs, fternum, and intercoftal mufcles, and lining the whole cavity of the thorax, except the diaphragm, which is covered with no other than its own proper membrane. Its ftructure refembles two facks or bags (one on each fide the thorax) which contains the two lobes of the lungs; from the conjunction of thefe two facculi of the pleura in the middle of the thorax, is formed the mediaftinum, which I fhall fpeak of by and by. The pleura is composed of a double membrane of a very

very firm texture, and plentifully ftored with blood veffels and nerves, in all which it refembles the peritonæum, (which I shall describe hereafter) and likewife, in that it is made up of an inner true membranous lamina, and a cellular fubstance on the outfide, which is a production or continuation of the lamina. Its veffels are arteries, veins, nerves, and lymphatics. The arteries arife from the intercostals, the diaphragmatic, and the mammary ones, and are very numerous; the veins from the veins of the fame name with those arteries : but all of them discharge themselves into the trunk of the vena azygos, and the upper trunk of the cava. The nerves are from the vertebræ of the thorax, and the diaphragmatic ones. The lymphatics all run to the ductus thoracicus. The use of the pleura is to make the infide of the thorax fmooth and equal, and to subricate and ftrengthen the whole cavity.

Q. What is the mediaftimum?

A. The mediaftinum is a double membrane, continuous to the fternum, fituated under it, and adhering firmly to it; it is formed by the continuation of the pleura, which comes from the fternum, and goes through the middle of the thorax to the vertebræ, dividing the cavity of the thorax longitudinally into two parts; but as it is not exactly under the middle of the fternum, but fomewhat to the left fide, the right part of the thorax is larger than the left: hence may be judged the uncertainty of trepaning the fternum, recommended by the ancients in fome cafes. This double feptum, or partition, contains in its dupli-

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cature, the heart in its pericardium, the vena cava, the celophagus, and stomachic nerves. The mediastinum receives veins and arteries from the mammary and diaphragmatic veffels, and fometimes has proper and particular ones of its own from the aorta and cava: these are then called the mediastinal vessels. Its nerves, which are fmall, are from the diaphragmatics, and the par vagum. It has a number of lymphatics, which run to the ductus thoracicus. The uses of the mediaftinum are two: the first is to divide the breaft longitudinally into two parts, by which feveral great purposes are answered; as, 1. That on one of the lobes being ulcerated, the other might not be immediately affected. 2. That water, matter, or any thing elfe contained in one part of the thorax, might not at the fame time affect both parts of the lungs. 2. That in cafe of a wound in one fide of the thorax, refpiration might be continued in the other, and the perfon not be immediately fuffocated. . The fecond general use of the mediastinum is to support the heart in its pendulous state, for the benefit of its free motion, especially when we lie on our backs.

Q. What are the lungs?

A. The lungs are the largeft vifcus of the thorax: they are fituated in the two fides of it, with the heart as it were between them; and are connected by means of the mediaftinum with the fternum and vertebræ; with the heart by means of the pulmonary veffels, and immediately with the afpera arteria. The colour of the lungs in infants is a fine florid red; in adults it is darker,

and in old people livid, or variegated with black and white. When inflated they have fome refemblance to the hoof of an ox; and are convex on the upper fide next the ribs, and concave underneath next the diaphragm. They are divided into two large lobes, one feated on each fide of the mediaftinum; the left lobe, which is the fmalleft, is fubdivided into two lobules, and the right, which is larger, is fubdivided into three lobules. The double membrane, with which the lungs are furrounded, is continuous externally with the pleura, and internally not only immediately covering the fubstance of the lungs, but also all its inner lamina, and fills up the interftices which are between the bunches of the fmall lobes or lobules with little veficular' cells. The fine capillary blood veffels are fo thick upon this membrane, that it feems to be nothing but a net-work of veins and arteries. The fubftance of the lungs is fpongeous, or veficulous, and they feem, indeed, entirely composed of an infinite number of little lobes, or lobules, of various figures and magnitudes; but their furfaces are fo adapted to one another, as to leave but very few and fmall interffices. These lobes are disposed like fo many bunches of grapes, upon the fides of the bronchia, or ramifications of the trachea, (defcribed hereafter); each little lobe, or lobule, contains within its own proper membrane an infinite number of fmall orbicular veffels, which leave fmall interffices between them, full of little membranes, like those which tie the lobes together,

together. The bronchia, in their origin, are formed of imperfect annuli, and in their progress of cartilaginous and membranous fegments, very curioufly connected and joined together; these have their origin from the trachea; and after being subdivided into innumerable ramifications, finally terminate in those fmall veficles which form the greater part of the fubftance of the lungs, as before mentioned. Thefe extremities (of the branches of the bronchia) open into the cavity of the veffels, which are properly formed by its membranes; but the capillary blood veffels are only fpread upon the veficles like a net, with frequent and large inofculations. The veffels which enter the lungs are the trachea, or afpera arteria, by which we draw in the air, (hereafter to be described.) The arteria pulmonalis, which comes from the right ventricle, see page 22, and the vena pulmonalis, whole trunk opens into the left ventricle of the heart, see page 34; each of these divides into two branches, for the two great lobes of the lungs, where they are fubdivided into as many branches as there are little lobes or veficles in the lungs. Wherever there is a branch of the trachea, there is also a branch of the vein and artery; and the trachea is always in the middle. Upon the branches of the traches arteria (which I observed before are termed bronchia) runs a fmall artery called arteria bronchialis, and a finall vein called vena pneumonica; the artery comes from the aorta, and the veins open into the fubclavian. Upon the bronchia, even to the minutest ramifications, run likewife the fine threads

threads of the eighth pair of nerves. Befides thefe, the lungs have lymphatics, which difcharge themfelves into the thoracic duct; but they are fmaller, and make more frequent inofculations than are observed any where else. The lungs of animals before they have been dilated with air, are fpecifically heavier than water; but upon inflation, they become specifically lighter, and fwim in water; which experiment may be made to difcover whether a dead child was stillborn or not : but if the child has breathed but a little, and the experiment is made long after, the lungs may be collapsed, and grow heavier than water, as I have found by experiment, which may fometimes lead a man to give a wrong judgment in a court of judicature, but then it will be on the charitable fide of the queftion. Adhesions of the lungs to the pleura are in men fo common, I know not how to call it a difeafe; they being found fo, more or, lefs, in most adult perfons, and without any inconvenience, if the lungs are not rotten. Q. What is the pericardium ? A. The pericardium, or heart purfe, is an

exceeding ftrong membranaceous bag, loofely including the heart; the figure of the pericardium is conic, like that of the heart itfelf; its fize is fuch as can conveniently contain the heart, without preffing upon it; it is connected with the mediastinum, with a great part of the diaphragm, and with the large veffels of the heart, which, together with this covering, fustains alfo the heart itself in its place. The pericardium is composed of a double membrane; the exterior one

one is common with the pleura and mediaftinum; the interior is proper, lubricous, and is continuous with the coats of the larger yeffels, This membrane, when expanded upon the finger, frequently difcovers a great number of foraminula, or little apertures. The arteries and veins of the pericardium are from those of the mediastinum and diaphragm, and its nerves are also from the diaphragmatics. Its lymphatics all run to the thoracic duct. The uses of the pericardium are, to support the heart in a pendulous state, especially when we lie down; to defend the heart from the cold air taken in at the lungs, to preferve it from being injured by water, by matter, or any other extraneous fluid in the cavity of the thorax; and to contain a liquor to lubricate the furface of the heart, facilitate its motions, and abate its friction against the pericardium. The pericardium is found fometimes in perfons who have been long hectic, to cohere with the fubstance of the heart; and there have been inftances of its having been wholly wanting.

Q. What is the heart?

A. The heart is a muscular body, included in the pericardium (just now defcribed) and fituated in the cavity of the thorax, nearly in the middle of the breaft, on the anterior part of the diaphragm, between the lobes of the lungs and the two laminæ of the mediaftinum. The heart is the primary organ of the circulation of the blood, and confequently of life. It is in fome measure of a conical figure, flatted on the fides, round at the top, or apex and oval at the bafis :

balis; its lower part is plane, and the upper part convex. Its fituation is nearly transverse, or horizontal; fo that its bafe is in the right fide, upon the fourth and fifth vertebræ of the thorax; and its apex or point is inclined downwards, lying with the greatest part of its bulk in the left fide of the thorax, and confequently it is there that the pulfation is felt. Its bafe is fixed by the veffels going to and from it; but its apex is free, and is received in a kind of cavity of the left lobe of the lungs, as may be observed, the lungs being extended with air. This incumbrance on the left lobe of the lungs feems to be the caufe of that fide's being most fubject to the pleuritic pains, which have generally been found upon diffection to proceed from inflammations in the lungs. The length of the human heart is about fix fingers breadth, at the base about five fingers, and its circumference about thirteen.

At the bafis of the heart, on each fide, are fituated two appendices called auricles, to receive the blood; the right from the two venæ cavæ, and the left from the pulmonary veins. (See vena cava and pulmonaris.) In the right auricle, at the meeting of the cavæ, is an eminence called tuberculum Loweri, which directs the blood into the auricle; immediately below this tubercle, in the ending of the cava afcendens, is the veftige of the foramen ovale, and near this in the auricle, is the mouth of the coronary veins. The left auricle is much lefs than the right; but the difference is fupplied by a large mufcular cavity, which the veins from from the lungs afford in that place. The fides of this muscular cavity are thicker than the fides of the right auricle, in about that proportion in which the left ventricle of the heart is ftronger than the right; their uses being to receive blood from the veins that lead to the heart, and prefs it into the ventricles, as a ftrength in each auricle proportionable to the strength of the ventricle that it is to fill with blood, feems neceffary; and this different thickness of the coats of the auricles makes the blood in the left, which is thickest, appear through it of a paler red; but when it is let out of the auricles, it appears alike from both; which they would do well to examine, who affirm the blood returns from the lungs of a more florid colour than it went in, and offer it as an argument of the blood's being mixed with air in lungs.

There are also two cavities in the heart called its ventricles, which receive the blood, and are hollow muscles, or two cavities in one muscle. Both thefe cavities receiving the fame quantities of blood in the fame time, and always acting together, must be equal in fize, as it is generally fupposed they equally discharge what they contain at every fystole; nevertheless, the left appears less than the right, it being found empty in dead bodies, and the right ufually full of blood. Each ventricle opens at the base by two orifices, one of which answers to the auricles, the other to the mouth of a large artery : the former receives the blood through the veins, the latter delivers the blood through the arteries. The right ventricle is fituate anteriorly, and

and is thinner and weaker in its circumference, but ufually much more capacious than the left : it receives the blood from the vena cava and the right auricle, and delivers it into the pulmonary artery, to be carried to the lungs. The left ventricle is much ftronger and thicker in its fides, but is narrower and fmaller than the right ; it receives the blood from the pulmonary vein and the left auricle, and drives it very forcibly into the aorta, and fo through the whole body.

Over the orifices of the veins at the entrance of the auricles in each ventricle, are placed valves, to hinder a return of blood while the heart contracts; those in the right ventricle are named tricuspides, those in the left mitrales : in the beginning of each artery from the heart are placed three valves, which hinder a return of blood into the ventricles. The first fort of valves open inward toward the ventricles, allowing the blood to enter the heart, but hindering it from returning the fame way; the other kind open outward from the heart toward the great veffels, fuffering the blood to go out of the heart, but hindering it from returning; these last are termed femi lunar valves; but those in the pulmonary artery are more properly named figmoidales, and those in the aorta femilunares.

The inner furface of the ventricles is very uneven, many eminences and cavities being obfervable therein; the ventricles are divided by a feptum running between the edges: and their most confiderable eminences are thick fleshy productions productions called colummæ. To the extremities of thefe pillars are faftened feveral tendinous cords, the other ends of which are joined to the valvulæ tricufpides. The cavities of the inner furface of the ventricles are fmall deep foffulæ or lacunæ placed very near each other, with fmall prominent interffices between them. The greateft part of thefe lacunæ are orifices of the venous ducts.

The blood veffels of the heart are of two kinds, common and proper; its proper or peculiar veffels being the coronary arteries and veins. The common veffels of the heart are two veins, called the vena cava and the vena pulmonalis: and two arteries, the pulmonary one, and aorta. The nerves of the heart are fmall, and arife from the par vagum and intercoftals. See Dialogue I. arteries, veins and nerves.

Q. Which are the coronary arteries?

A. The coronary arteries are two in number, and go out from the beginning of the aorta, and afterwards spread themselves round the basis of the heart, to the fubftance of which they fend numerous ramifications. One turns to the right hand, the other to the left : the right coronary artery runs in between the bafis and right auricle all the way to the flat fide of the heart, and fo goes half-way round : the left artery has a like course between the bafis and left auricle, and before it turns on the basis, it fends off a capital branch, which runs between the two ventricles. Another principal branch goes off from the union of the two arteries on the flat fide of the ino Buborg

the heart, which running to the apex, there joins the other branch.

Q. Which are the coronary veins?

A. The coronary veins are diffributed exteriorly much in the fame manner as the arteries, but they end partly in the right auricle, and partly in the right ventricle; their trunk principally in the former, by a particular orifice, furnished with a semi-lunar valve. They likewise terminate in the left ventricle, but in smaller numbers. All the contrary veins and their ramifications communicate with each other.

Q. What is the trachea or afpera arteria?

A. The trachea or afpera arteria, vulgarly called the wind-pipe, is a large canal, partly cartilaginous, and partly membranous, extended from the mouth to the lungs. It is fituated in the middle and anterior part of the neck, and is connected with fauces, lungs, and œsophagus. Its mouth or entrance is, by anatomists, called the larynx, the reft afpera arteria. The afpera arteria extends from the larynx to the bronchia, or lungs, being in some measure of a conic figure. Its beginning is cylindrical, and capable of admitting a finger; and its other end is fomewhat narrower. It runs down into the thorax, under the sternum, between the two pleuræ, through the upper space left between the duplicature of the mediastinum, behind the thymus gland. Having reached as low as the fourth vertebra of the back and curvature of the aorta, it divides into two lateral parts or branches, one towards the right hand, the other towards the M left,

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left, which enter the lungs, and are diffributed through them in the manner there defcribed : thefe two branches are called bronchia, and that on the right fide is fhorter than that on the left ; whereas the right pulmonary artery is the ftrongeft. The trachea is made up of fegments of circles, or cartilaginous rings, difpofed in fuch a manner as to form a canal open on the back part ; (the cartilages not going quite round) but this opening is filled by a foft glandular membrane, which completes the circumference of the canal.

These circles or hoops, are in number from fixteen to twenty, and are connected by a very strong, elastic, membranous ligament, fixed to their edges.

The canal of the afpera arteria is lined on the infide by a particular membrane, which appears to be partly flefhy, or mufcular, and partly ligamentary, perforated by an infinite number of fmall holes, more or lefs imperceptible, through which a mucilaginous fluid continually paffes to defend the inner furface of the trachea against the acrimony of the air which we breathe. At the angle of the first ramification of the trachea arteria, we find on both the fore and back fides certain foft, roundifh, glandular bodies, of a-livid colour, and of a texture partly like that of the thymus, and partly like that of the glandulæ thyroides. There are other glands of the fame kind at the origin of each ramification of the bronchia, but they decrease proportionably in number and fize ; they are fixed immediately to

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to the bronchia, and covered by the interlobular fubstance; and they feem to communicate by Imall openings, with the cavity of the bronchia, as before obferved.

The uses of the trachea are to affift in deglutition, and to be affiftant to the lungs. On the exterior part of the trachea are the thyroide and bronchial glands, (which I shall hereafter mention) which fecrete a humour to moiften it : its arteries are from the external carotids, the veins from the jugulars, and the nerves from the recurrent ones of the plexus cervicalis.

Q. What is the œsophagus?

A. The œsophagus, or gullet, is that membranous canal which conveys the aliment from the mouth to the ftomach. It is partly mufcular, and partly membranous, fituated behind the trachea arteria, and before the vertebræ of the back, from near the middle of the neck, down to the lower part of the thorax, from whence it paffes into the abdomen, through a particular hole of the fmall or inferior mufcle of the diaphragm, and ends at the upper orifice of the stomach. Its upper part is wide and open, fpread behind the tongue to receive the masticated aliment, and is termed pharynx, the muscles of which I have already spoken of. The fubstance of the cefophagus is composed of feveral coats, almost in the fame manner as the ftomach, of which it is the continuation. The first coat, while in the thorax, is formed only by a duplicature of the posterior part of the mediastinum, and is wanting above the thor

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rax, and in the neck, where the outer coat of the cefophagus is only a continuation of the cellular substance belonging to the neighbouring parts. The fecond coat is muscular, made up of feveral strata of fleshy fibres. The outermost are chiefly longitudinal, but are not all continued from one end of the canal to the other. The following strata are obliquely transverse, the next to these more transverse, and the innermost are turned a little obliquely the contrary way; they crofs each other irregularly in many places, but are neither spiral nor annular. The third coat is termed the nervous coat, and is like that of the ftomach and inteftines. It is differently folded or plaited, according to its length; being much wider than the mufcular coat, and furrounded by a whitish, fine, filamentary fubftance, like a kind of cotton, which when fteeped in water, fwells and grows thicker. The fourth or innermost coat refembles, in fome measure, that of the intestines, except, that instead of the villi, it has small and very short papillæ. It is folded lengthwife, like the third coat, fo that the cefophagus when cut acrofs, reprefents one tube within another. Through the pores of this coat, a viscid lymph is continually difcharged.

The œfophagus, from its very beginning, turns a little to the left hand, and naturally runs along the left extremities of the cartilages of the afpera arteria. The arteries of the œfophagus are from the carotids, the aorta, the intercostal, and the cælic. The veins are from the jugulars,

Tars, the azygos, and the coronary veins of the ftomach; and the nerves from the par vagum. There are also certain excretory ducts, called ductus excretorii novæ vercelloni, which arife from the glands, and convey a faltish liquor into the cefophagus and ftomach ; fee the glands of the thorax. The glands, from which these ducts have their origin, are of three kinds, viz. the gastric glands, which are conglomerate, and are fituated near the left orifice of the ftomach, the dorfal ones, which are fituated near the fifth vertebra of the thorax, and the bronchial, thyroide, and tracheal, defcribed below. The use of the cesophagus is to carry the meat from the mouth into the ftomach, by means of the muscles of the pharynx and fleshy fibres of the gula, which perform its periftaltic motion, and also for a commixtion of the liquid serving for digeftion.

Q. What are the arteries of the thorak?

A. The arteries of the thorax (belides those of the vifcera I have already mentioned) are various, and proceed chiefly from the aorta already spoken of. The branches of the ascending aorta in the thorax take their names from the parts they are beftowed on; the principal branches are arteriæ coronariæ, carotides, fubclaviæ; from the latter arife the thymica, diaphragmaticæ, pericardia, mediastina, trachealis, and mammaria interna: these from the aorta ascendens. From the superior portion of the aorta descendens arise arteriæ bronchiales, œsophageæ, intercostales, to their parts of the thorax,

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rax. The coronary and carotid arteries are already defcribed.

Q. Which are the fubclavian arteries?

A. The fubclavian arteries are fo named from their fituation near the clavicles, in the tranfverse direction of which they run; they are two in number; one right, the other left. These arteries arife from the arch of the aorta, on each fide of the left carotid, which commonly lies in the middle between them; but when both carotids go out feparately, they both lie betweenthe fubclaviæ. Thefe arteries terminate, or rather change their name, above the middle of the two first ribs, between the anterior infertions of the musculi scaleni. They give off small arteries to the mediastinum, pericardium, and aspera arteria; afterwards they fend off the mammaria interna, cervicalis, and vertebralis, and fometimes an intercostal artery to the first ribs. The right fubclavian, at about a finger's breadth from its origin, also often produces the common carotid of the fame fide.

Q. Which is the arteria thymica?

A. The arteria thymica arifes from the fubclavian, communicating with and receives fome branches from the mammaria interna, and has fome from the intercostalis fuperior. The mediastina and pericardia the fame.

Q. Which is the arteria pericardia?

A. The arteria pericardia alfo arifes from the anterior middle part of the fubclavian, and runs down upon the pericardium all the way to the diaphragm, to which it fends fome finall ramifications.

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Q. Which is the arteria mediastina?

A. The mediastina arises sometimes immediately after the thymica, and is distributed principally to the mediastinum.

Q. Which is the arteria trachealis?

A. The trachealis runs up from the fubclavia, in a winding courfe, along the afpera arteria, to the glandulæ thyroideæ and larynx, detaching fmall arteries to both fides, one of which runs to the upper part of the fcapula.

Q. Which is the arteria mammaria interna?

A. The internal mammary artery comes from the anterior and lower fide of the fubclavian, near the middle of the clavicle, and runs down for about one finger's breadth behind the cartilages of the true ribs, an inch diftant from the sternum. In its passage, it fends branches to the thymus, mediastinum, pericardium, pleura, and intercoftal muscles; and through these muscles, and between the cartilages of the ribs, to the pectoralis major, mammæ, membrana adipofa, and fkin. Several of these branches communicate by anoftomoles with the mammaria interna, and other arteries of the thorax. Afterwards it goes out of the thorax, on one fide of the appendix enfiformis, and is loft in the maifculus abdominis rectus, a little below its upper part; communicating at this place with the epigastric artery, and in its course it gives off branches to the peritonæum, and the anterior parts of the abdominal muscles.

Q. Which is the arterior intercoftalis superior?

A. The fuperior intercostal artery, when it does not go out from the trunk of the aorta de-

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fcendens, commonly arifes from the lower fide of the fubclavian, and runs down on the infide of the two, three, or four uppermoft true ribs, near their heads, fending off under each rib a branch, which runs along the lower edge, and fupplies the intercoftal mufcles, and neighbouring parts of the pleura. Thefe branches all communicate with one another, up and down the intercoftal mufcles. They alfo give branches to the mufculi fternohyoidei, fubclavius, vertebrales, and bodies of the vertebræ, pectoralis, and through the notches of the first four vertebræ to the medulla fpinalis.

Q. Which are the arteriæ bronchiales?

A. The bronchial arteries go either from the forefide of the fuperior part of the defcending aorta, first intercostal, or arteriæ œsophagea. They rife fometimes fingle, fometimes double, fometimes triple, and adhere every where firmly to the bronchia; their branches or ramifications, communicate fometimes with those of the pulmonary vein, arteria œsophagea, coronaria cordis, and vena azygos.

Q. Which are the arteriæ œfophageæ?

A. The œfophageæ are generally two or three in number, though fometimes but one. They arife anteriorly from the aorta defcendens, and are diffributed to the œfophagus, &c. Sometimes the uppermost œfophagus produces a bronchial artery.

Q. Which are the arteriæ intercostales inferiores?

A. The inferior intercoftals are commonly feven or eight on each fide, and fometimes ten, when when the fuperior intercostals arife likewife from the aorta descendens; in which cafe, these run obliquely up upon the ribs. They arife along the backfide of the defcending aorta generally in pairs, all the way to the diaphragm, and run transversely toward each fide, on the bodies of the vertebræ. Those on the right fide pafs behind the vena azygos; and afterwards, they run to the intercostal muscles, along the lower edge of the ribs, all the way to the sternum or near it. They fend branches to the pleura, vertebral muscles, muscles of the thorax, and to the upper portions of the mufcles of the abdomen, and they communicate with the arteriæ epigaftricæ and lumbares. Before they take this course along the ribs, &c. they detach branches to the great canal of the fpina dorfi, which communicating with the like arteries from the other fide of the spine, form a kind of arterial rings, as do the arteriæ lumbares. After the above course, each intercostal about the middle of the rib fends a principal branch internally, and another externally; those that run upon the false ribs are afterwards diftributed to the abdominal and other neighbouring muscles, particularly to those of the diaphragm. They also communicate with the lumbares, and fometimes with branches of the hypogastricæ.

Q. Which is the arteria mammaria externa vel thoracica fuperior?

A. The external mammary or fuperior thoracic artery, runs down in a winding courfe on the lateral parts of the thorax, and croffes the ribs. ribs. It gives branches to the two pectoral muscles, to the mamma, musculus subclavius, ferratus major, latissimus dorfi, and to the upper portions of the coraca-brachialis and biceps.

Q. Which is the arteria thoracica inferior?

A. The inferior thoracic artery runs along the inferior cofta of the fcapula to the mufculus fubfcapularis, teres major and minor, infra fpinatus, ferratus major, latiffimus dorfi, and the neighbouring intercoftal mufcles, communicating with the arteriæ fcapulares.

Q. What are the veins of the thorax?

A. The veins of the thorax are alfo various, and proceed chiefly from the vena cava fuperior, already fpoken of. The principal branches are, venæ coronariæ cordis, vena azygos vel fine pari, venæ intercoftales, pectoralis internæ, (from the latter arife the diaphragmaticæ fuperiores, mediaftinæ, mammariæ internæ, thymicæ, pericardiæ, and gutturales, or tracheales) fubclaviæ, jugulares, vertebrales. The coronary veins of the heart, the jugulars and vertebrals, I have already fpoken of.

In defcribing the veins, I fhall begin with the great trunks, and end with the ramifications and capillary extremities, according to their feveral divifions and fubdivifion, as I have before obferved.

Q. Which is the vena azygos, or fine pari?

A. The vena azygos, or fine pari, is a vein arifing within the thorax on the right fide, having no fellow on the left; whence it is called azygos, or vena fine pari. This vein is very confiderable, and arifes pofteriorly from the vena

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vena cava fuperior, a little above the pericardium, and is immediately afterwards bent backward over the origin of the right lobes of the lungs; forming an arch which furrounds the great pulmonary veffels on that fide, as the arch of the aorta does those of the left fide, with this difference only, that the curvature of the azygos is almost directly backward, whereas that of the aorta is oblique. From thence it runs down on the right fide the vertebræ dorfi, on one fide the aorta, and before the intercostal arteries. I have feen this vein extremely large, like the trunk of the inferior cava, from the diaphragm to the original of the renales; the true cava being through all this fpace very narrow, or of the fize of the ordinary azygos. The vena azygos fends out first of all two or three fmall veins from the top of the arch, one of which goes to the afpera arteria, and the others partly to that and partly to the bronchia, by the name of venæ bronchiales, accompanying the ramifications of the bronchial artery. And from the extremity of the arch proceeds a fmall trunk common to two or three fmall veins, called intercostales superiores dextræ, which bring back the blood from the first three series of intercostal muscles, and from the neighbouring parts of the pleura. These intercostal veins fend branches through the intercoftal mufcles to the ferratus major posticus, &c. and afterwards they run along the interstices between the ribs, communicating with the venæ mammariæ. They likewife fend finall branches backward to the vertebral mufcles, and canal of the fpine, where they

they communicate with the venal circles or finuses, which bring back the blood from the medulla fpinalis. As the azygos runs down, it fends off the inferior intercostal veins on the right fide, one going to each feries of intercostal muscles; these veins run along the lower edges of the ribs, and perforate the muscles which go to the posterior and external parts of the thorax. The azygos fends off likewife the left intercostal veins, but seldom the whole number; alio fix or feven, more or lefs, inferior intercostals, which run between the aorta and vertebræ, and the fame ramifications on the right fide, and likewife fome ramifications to the cesophagus; but sometimes these distributions vary, and are not in all fubjects alike. Just below the laft rib, the azygos fends off a large branch to the muscles of the abdomen, communicating with the last two intercostal veins : fometimes this extremity communicates either mediately or immediately with the vena adipofa, and even with the vena fpermatica,

The diaphragmaticæ fuperiores, mediaftinæ, mammariæ internæ, thymicæ, pericardiæ, and tracheales, are fmall veins difpofed in pairs to the right and left, behind the fternum and parts near it, and fome called venæ pectorales internæ.

Q. Which is the vena mediastina?

A. The right vena mediaftina goes out anteriorly from the trunk of the fuperior cava, a little above the origin of the azygos; the left comes from the fubclavia.

Q. Which is the vena diaphragmatica fuperior? A. The

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A. The right fuperior diaphragmatica arises near the mediaftina, and its branches are diftributed to the pericardium. The left comes from the left fubclavian, a little below the origin of the mammaria.

Q. Which is the vena mammaria interna?

A. The right internal mammaria arifes from the vena cava, a little below the angle of the bifurcation. It runs along the pofterior edge of the fternum, and on the cartilaginous extremities of the right ribs, together with the artery of the fame name; it alfo fends the diaphragm a branch, and communicates with those veins. Afterwards it gives small branches to the mediaftinum and others between the ribs to the integuments. The left internal mammaria arifes anteriorly from the left fubclavian, opposite to the cartilage or anterior extremity of the first true rib.

Q. Which is the vena thymica?

A. The right vena thymica, when it arifes feparately, goes out from the bifurcation; this vein often reaches no lower than the inferior part of the thymus. The left vein of the fame name comes from the left fubclavian, almost opposite to the sternum.

Q. Which is the vena pericardia?

A. The vena pericardia feems to go out rather from the origin of the right fubclavian, but in this there are many varieties. It goes to the upper fide of the pericardium, and other neighbouring parts; the left pericardia comes. fometimes from the left fubclavian, and fometimes from the mammaria on the fame fide. Q. Which is the vena trachealis?

A. The right trachealis goes out from the upper part of the bifurcation above the mammaria of the fame fide, fometimes more backward, and fometimes from the fubclavia. It is diftributed to the glandulæ thyroidæ, thymus, and bronchialis, trachea arteria, and mufculi fternohyoidei : it communicates with the internal jugular vein. The left trachealis comes from the upper, or pofterior part of the left fubclavian near its origin. Of all thefe fmall veins, the mammaria interna is the moft confiderable.

Q. Which is the vena fubclavia?

A. The right fubclavian vein (as has been already faid) is very fhort, and its courfe very oblique, fo that it appears to rife higher than the left vein. It fends off, first of all, four large branches, already mentioned, viz. the vertebralis, which is the first and most posterior; the jugularis et axillaris. It fends off four large branches befides the fmall pectoral veins, and receives the ductus thoracicus. Alfo a fmall trunk for the left fuperior intercostals, which are fometimes fix in number, and communicate with the inferior intercostals, and with a branch of the vena azygos. This fmall common intercostal trunk furnishes likewife the left bronchialis. Each subclavian vein, near the middle of the clavicle, fends off a branch called cephalica, which defcends near the furface of the body, between the deltoides and pectoralis

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pectoralis major, and reaches the arm in the manner which shall be described hereafter.

Q. Which is the vena cava inferior?

A. The two inferior vena cava having run down about a quarter of an inch from the right auricle of the heart, within the pericardium (as has been already faid) pierces that membrane, and the tendinous portion to the diaphragm, and which adhere very closely to each other; at this place it gives off the venæ diaphragmaticæ inferiores vel phrenicæ. The other branches, &c. of the inferior cava I shall deferibe hereafter.

Q. Which are the venæ phrenicæ?

A. The venæ phrenicæ are fent off from the vena cava inferior, as above mentioned, and are diftributed to the diaphragm, and appear chiefly on its lower fide, one to the right hand, the other to the left. The right vein is more backward and lower than the left. The left is diftributed partly to the pericardium, and partly to the diaphragm, and fometimes branches to the capfulæ renales.

Q. What are the nerves of the thorax ?

A. The twelve pair of dorfal or coftal nerves, which all communicate with one another, as foon as they make their way out betwixt the vertebræ; each of them gives a pofterior branch to the mufculi erectores trunci corporis; the firft after having fent off the brachial nerve, already defcribed, is, after the fame manner with the fucceeding eight, beftowed on the pleura and intercoftal mufcles; the tenth and eleventh are moft of them fent to the abdominal mufcles; the the twelfth communicates with the first lumbar, and is beftowed on the musculus quadratus lumbalis and iliacus internus.

Q. What are the glands of the thorax?

A. The glands of the thorax are the glandulæ bronchiales, the thymus, and dorfalis. Befides these, the œsophagus has a great number of glands, (especially towards its upper part) as before observed.

Q. Which are the glandulæ bronchiales?

A. The glandulæ bronchiales are very obfervable glands, fituated externally in the larger divisions of the trachea and bronchia. They are of a blackish colour, and their use, like that of many others of the glands of this part of the body, is yet very little known.

Q. Which is the glandula dorfalis?

A. The glandula dorfalis is a remarkable gland fometimes found in the thorax, about the fifth vertebra of the back, adhering to the pofterior part of the œsophagus. It is, in different subjects, of various fizes; being often of the fize of a kidney bean; fometimes of that of an almond, and fometimes confiderably larger; in others, it is much lefs than the fimaller, and fometimes it is wholly wanting, or at least fo extremely minute, and inconfiderable, that the best diffectors are not able to find it. Sometimes also two glands are found in this part in the place of one.

Q. Which is the glandula thymus?

A. The thymus is a gland which in infants is very remarkable; it is fituated in the upper part of the thorax, immediately under the fternum,

num, and lies upon the pericardium, and on the trunk of the aorta, and of the vena cava. It extends itself from the pericardium along the trunk of the aorta, to the beginning of the carotids, fometimes fo far as to the thyroide gland; its figure is irregular and uncertain; its colour in infants is a pale red; in adults, it is of a duskier hue: it is much larger in infants newly born, than in fubjects at a more advanced period. Its length in the former is no lefs than three fingers breadth, and its diameter two; its thickness is about half a finger; it gradually decreases from this fize as the child grows up; in adults it is very fmall, and in old people it entirely difappears. Its fubftance is glandular and conglomerate; and it is furrounded by a membrane; it has blood veffels of the fame name; its lymphatics fometimes run to the thoracic duct, fometimes to the fubclavian veins, and they have in general no valves. The nerves of the thymus are from the par vagum, or from the intercostals; there is fometimes a milky juice found in this gland in new-born fubjects. It has no excretory duct hitherto difcovered, and its use is therefore not certainly known: poffibly, according to Heifter, it ferves to fecrete lymph, which it discharges into the thoracic duct, for the dilution of the blood and of the chyle, as the glands of the melentery and of the pancreas do; in regard to the chyle. On this fuppolition, its use is much greater in the fœtus, than at any time after the birth, because the want of respiration in that state may well be sup-N pofed

posed to subject the blood to be thicker, and to need more dilution than afterwards; nothing tending to attenuate the blood so much as respiration.

Q. What are the mammæ or breafts?

A. The mammæ or breafts, are two glandular bodies, of a roundifh oval figure, fituated on the anterior, and a little towards the lateral parts of the thorax; these are most remarkable in women. They differ in fize according to age and fex; in very young and very old peo-ple they are always fmall, alfo in virgins and males of all ages: but in women with child, or those who give suck, they are generally large, often very enormous. In children of both fexes, and in males of all ages, they are commonly no more than cutaneous tubercles or foft veruccæ, of a reddifh colour, called papillæ, or nipples; each of them being furrounded by a finall thin and pretty broad circle, or difk, more or lefs of a brownifh colour, and an uneven furface termed areola. The time of the breafts growing full in women, is about the age of fourteen, or that of puberty, which is fometimes fooner, fometimes later; and the most natural time of their decreasing is about the forty-feventh, or fiftieth year, when their menfes totally ceafe, and the breafts become flabby, lofing their natural confiftence and folidity. The breafts, befides the common integuments of the body, (already mentioned in the beginning of this work) are composed of a glandular substance, and a multitude of lactiferous ducts.

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ducts, or fmall tubes, which unite by frequent anaftomofes, and, as they approach the nipples, join and unite together, till at last they form feven, eight, or more finall pipes, called tubuli lactiferi, which have feveral crofs canals, by which they communicate with each other; fo that if any of them be obstructed, the milk which was brought to it might not stagnate, but pass through by the other pipes, which all terminate in the extremity of the nipple. The fubstance of the nipple is cavernous, almost like that of the human penis. The excretory ducts or tubes are larger in women who give fuck, and are diluted into finuses, in many places forming a kind of cells, which hold the fecreted milk, and communicate with the veins and arteries. All thefe parts are to be feen much more distinctly in breasts that are large and full of milk than in others; in young women, indeed, they are fcarce to be diftinguished at all; as also in such as have little breafts, in fuch as are emaciated, and in those of very old people.

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This glandular substance of the breafts is feated in, and furrounded by, a great quantity of fat; which makes by much the greater part of the breafts. The arteries and veins of the breafts are called mammary veffels, and are fent from the fubclavian and axillary veffels. The nerves are from the dorfal ones of the fpinal marrow. A fulnefs of the breafts, especially if there be milk found in them, is generally judged a mark of the lofs of vir-N 2 ginity,

ginity, and a proof that a woman has been with child; but this is not an infallible fign.

The fwelling of the breafts during the time of gestation, is owing to the confent between the breafts and the uterus; there being fo near a communication between the mammary veffels and the hypogastric veffels of the womb. that a dilation of the latter is attended with a fimilar one in the former: for the tubes which compose the glandular substance of the breafts in maids, like a sphincter muscle, contract fo closely, that no part of the blood can enter them; but when the womb grows big with a foetus, and compresses the descending trunk of the aorta, the blood flows in a greater quantity, and with a greater force, through the arteries of the breafts, and forces a paffage into their glands, which being at first narrow, admit only of a thin water; but growing wider by degrees, as the womb grows bigger, the glands receive a thick ferum; and after birth they run with a thick milk, becaufe the blood, which before flowed to the fœtus, and for three or four days afterwards by the uterus, beginning then to ftop, dilates the mammillary glands, and confequently fwells the breaft.

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Of the ABDOMEN and its PARTE.

Q. WHAT is the abdomen? A. The abdomen begins immediately under the thorax, and terminates at the bottom of the pelvis of the offa innominata. Its circumference or outer furface is divided into regions, of which there are three anterior; viz. the epigafric, or fuperior region; the umbilical, or middle region; and the hypogaftric or lower region. There is but one pofterior region, named regio lumbaris.

Q. Where is the epigaftric region fituated? A. The epigaftric region begins immediately under the appendix enfiformis, at a fmall fuperficial deprefiion, called the pit of the flomach, and in adult fubjects ends above the navel in a transverse line from the last false ribs on each fide. This region is fubdivided in three parts, one middle, named epigaftrium, and two lateral, termed hypochondria. The epigaftrium takes in all that space which lies between the false ribs of both fides, and the hypocondria are the places covered by the false ribs.

Q. Where is the umbilical region fituated?

A. The umbilical region being in adults, above the navel from the transverse line, where the epigastric ends, and ends below the navel at another transverse line, supposed to be drawn N 3 parellel

parallel to the former, between the two criftæ of the offa illium. This region is likewife divided into three parts, one middle, which is properly the regio umbilicalis, and two lateral, called ilia, or the flanks; and they comprehend the space between the false ribs and upper part of the os ilium on each fide.

Q. Where is the hypogaftric region?

A. The hypogastric region is extended downward from the inferior limit of the umbilical region, and is also divided into three parts, one middle called pubis; and two lateral, called inguina, or the groins.

Q. Where is the lumbar region fituated ?

A. The lumbar region is the posterior part of the abdomen, and comprehends all that fpace which reaches from the loweft ribs on each fide, and the last vertebra of the back, to the os facrum, and neighbouring parts of the offa ilium. The lateral parts of this region are termed the loins, but the middle part has no proper name in men.

The bottom of the abdomen, which answers to the pelvis of the skeleton, is termed anteriorly by the pudenda, or parts of generation, and posteriorly by the buttocks and anus. The buttocks are feparated by fossa, which lead to the anus, and each buttock is terminated downward by a large fold, which diftinguishes it from the reft of the thigh. This lumbar region takes in likewife the mufculus quadratus lumborum on each fide, the lower portions of the facto lumbares of the longifimi dorfi, facer, &c. The space between the anus and the parts of generation

generation is called perinæum, and is divided into two equal lateral parts by a very diftinct line, which is longer in males than in females, (as I shall make appear hereafter.) The cavity of the abdomen, formed by the parts already mentioned, is lined on the infide by a particular membrane called peritonæum. The cavity of the abdomen is separated from the cavity of the thorax by the diaphragm, and terminated below by the musculi levatores ani. This cavity of the abdomen contains the ftomach and the intestines, which are commonly divided into three fmall parts, named duodenum, jejunum, and ilium; and three large, called cæcum, colon, and rectum. It contains likewife the mefentery, mefocolon, omentum, liver, gall, bladder, spleen, pancreas, glands of the mefentery, vafa lactea, receptaculum chyli, kidnies, renal glands, ureters, bladder, and the internal parts of generation in both fexes. Alfo the following bones, pertaining to this lower venter, viz. the five vertebræ of the loins, os facrum, os coccygis, and offa inominata, which contain the ilium, ifchium, and pubis. Thefe bones, below the vertebra, form the pelvis or bason, which is much larger in women than in men, to give room for the growth, &c. of the foetus. The external parts of generation alfo belong to the abdomen, but I shall defcribe them hereafter.

Q. What are the bones pertaining to the abdomen?

A. The bones belonging to the abdomen are the vertebræ of the loins, which are the five

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five lowermost vertebræ of the spine or backbone, and complete the whole twenty-four: (fee those of the neck and thorax before described.) The os facrum, os coccygis, offa innominata or pube, which consists of the ilium, is if chium, and pubis.

Q. Does the five vertebræ of the loins differ from thole of the neck and thorax which you have already defcribed, page 111 and 135.

A. Yes. The five vertebræ of the loins differ from the reft in this, that they are the broadeft, and the last of them is the largest of the vertebræ. Their acute processes are broader, shorter, and wider from one another, their transverse longer to support the bowels and muscles of the back; they are not perforated as those of the neck, nor have they a dimple or finus as those of the back. The cartilages which are betwixt their bodies are thicker than any of the reft. The greatest motion of the back is performed by the vertebræ of the loins, because their cartilages are thicker, and their acute processes are at a greater distance from one another; for the thicker the cartilages are, the more we may bend our body forwards; and the greater diftance there is betwixt the acute proceffes, the more we may bend ourfelves backwards.

Q. Which is the os facrum?

A. The os facrum is the lower extremity of the fpina dorfi, the vertebræ of which grow fo clofe together in adults, as that they make but one large and folid bone of a triangular figure, whofe bafis is tied to the laft vertebræ of the loins,

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loins, and the upper part of its fides to the ilia, and its point to the os coccygis. This bone in infants is almost entirely cartilaginous; and in children more grown up, it always confifts of feveral pieces, the junctures of four or five of which may be feen even in adults, although it be one continued bone. It has four or five holes on each fide, which give paffage to the nerves of the inteftinum rectum, bladder, and parts of generation, and to the large crural and ischiatic ones. The uses of this bone, are to ferve as a bafis for the fpine ; to form the pelvis along with the offa innominata, and to defend the parts contained in it; to ferve as a place of origin to many of the mufcles; to contain in its canal or finus, the lower part or end of the fpinal marrow, called cauda equina; and likewife to give paffage to the nerves above mentioned.

Q. Which is the os coccygis?

A. The os coccygis is joined to the extremity of the os facrum, and is composed of three or four bones; (but fometimes all the pieces are entirely cemented together,) the lower piece is still less than the upper, till the last ends in a finall cartilage, which refembles a little tail turned inward. Its use is to fustain the rectum intestinum; it yields to the preffure of the foetus in women in travail, and midwives fome times thrust it rudely and violently backwards, which occasions great pain and feveral bad effects.

Q. Which are the offa innominata? A. The

A. The offa innominata are composed of three bones in young fubjects, each of which has its peculiar name; the upper one is called. the ilium, (the inteftinum ilium lying between it and its fellow,) the anterior one the os pubis, and the lower and posterior one the os ifchium. -The offa innominata are joined on each fide, in the hinder parts of the os facrum, forming a very firm and ftrong, though fomewhat moveable, articulation with it; and with this bone they also form the cavity called the pelvis. The use of these bones is to support and suftain the fpina dorfi, and indeed all the parts above them; to make a firm and proper juncture of the other parts of the body with the thighs; to ferve for the place of origin to feveral muscles; to form the cavity of the pelvis, and to defend its contents from external injuries.

In the center of these bones is the acetabulum coxendicis, or fockets for the thigh-bone; in the bottom of which fockets is another cavity, in which lies the mucilaginous gland of this joint. When imposthumations happen in this joint, they usually cause a great swelling and lamenes in the hip, which in time makes a collection of matter in the external part of the hip, &c.

Q. What are the cartilages pertaining to the bones of the abdomen, befides those of the vertebræ already mentioned ?

A. The true cartilages of the offa innominata in adult subjects, are five in number, three common and two proper. The first and principal common cartilage is that which makes the fymphifis

fymphyfis of the offa pubis; the two other common cartilages join the offa ilium to the os facrum, but are thinner than that of the offa pubis. The proper cartilages are those that line the cotyloide cavities, and except the notches and depreffions in these cavities, all the rest of the furface of the acetabulum coxendicis is covered with a very white fhining fmooth cartilage.

Q. What are the ligaments of the bones pertaining to the abdomen, belides those of the vertebræ already mentioned ?

A. The ligaments of the offa innominata are alfo of two kinds, common and proper. The common are those which go between these and the neighbouring bones, of which there is a confiderable number. To these must be added the ligaments by which the os femoris is joined to the os innominatum, which I shall defcribe hereafter among the other ligaments of the thigh ... The principal proper ligaments are four in number, two called facro-fciatic, one broad and external, the other fmall and internal, one obturator, and one inguinal. The broad facrofciatic or, internal sciatic ligament proceeds from the infide of the fpine of the crifta of the os ilium to the false transverse apophyses of the os facrum and the fpine of the ifchium. The internal fciatic ligament adheres clofely to the infide of the posterior portion of the former, going from the fourth falle transverse apophysis of the os facrum, all the way to the upper part of the os coccygis. The obturator ligament fills up all the great foramen ovale, except the oblique

oblique notch at its proper part, from which there is a transverse ligament to the infide of the upper and anterior part of the os pubis. The inguinal ligament, called from the discoverer ligamentum Fallopii, is an aponeurotic or ligamentary band, fastened by one end to the anterior and superior spine of the os ilium, and by the other to the spine of the os pubis. Another ligament runs tranversely between the two angles of the cotyloide notch.

Q. Where is the mucilaginous gland belonging to the os innominata fituated ?

A. The rough unequal depression at the bottom of the acetabulum, or focket for the thighbone, is filled by a broad flat mucilaginous gland, bordered with a fatty substance, and covered by a fine membrane, through which a mucilaginous liquor passes to moisten the joint, and facilitate its motions. This membrane rifes above the gland, and gives a fort of covering or coat to the ligament contained in the joint; the blood vessels of the gland pass between the bottom of the cotyloide notch, and the transverse ligament thereof.

Q. What are the mucilaginous glands of the joints?

A. The mucilaginous glands of the joints, where the bones are furnished with a cartilage, are small glands which furnish every joint for a fliding motion, with a mucilaginous matter, for lubricating the ends of the bones, that they may move easily upon one another; and that there may be no waste of this necessary fluid, it is contained in the investigating ligaments; which for for this very reafon are no where divided, except to communicate with the ligaments of the tendons. These glands are generally feated in a little fat, near the infertion of the ligaments, that they may be compressed by them when the joints are in motion, which is a proper time to have their fluid pressed out. The most confiderable parcel of these glands with their fat, are seen in the joint of the knee, and the largest gland of this fort is found in the finus, at the bottom of the acetabulum of the os innominatum, and is compressed by the ligamentum teres.

. The difeases of the joints either happen from ulcers in the mucilaginous glands, when pouring out matter that cannot be discharged, and foul the ends of the bones, or elfe from fwellings in the ends of the respective ones. Either of these in time create excessive pain, which appears to be chiefly in the ligaments of the joints, notwithstanding what has been faid of the infensibility of these parts. When a joint is much fwelled and painful, without external inflammation, it is vulgarly called a white fwelling, and more properly than a fpina ventofa. It is fometimes in the beginning cured by evacuations, but when the limb waftes below the fwelling, and the fingers or toes of the limbs grow thinner at their joints, and lofe their fhape, the cafe is abfolutely irrecoverable. Sometimes the ends of the bones erode, then join together, and form an anchylofis, which, though a fevere difeafe of itself, yet proves often the remedy of a much worfe. In like manner, the bones of the hands

hands and feet, when they are ulcerated, fometimes unite, and are thus preferved from total ruin. But there is one cafe of a white fwelling that is amazing, when the pain is fo great that we are obliged to take off the limb, and yet neither find upon diffection, the ligaments or glands difeafed, matter in the joints, the bones carious, nor any difeafed appearance, except that the ends of the bones are a little larger and fofter.

Q. What are the muscles of the abdomen?

A. The mufcles peculiar to the abdomen only are five pair, (exclusive of the diaphragma and triangularis fterni, already spoken of, with the muscles of the thorax) viz. obliquus ascendens vel internus, obliquus descendens vel externus, pyramidalis, rectus abdominus, and transverialis abdominis. To these we may add those of the genital parts, anus and perinæum, viz. cremaster testis, erector penis, accelerator urinæ, transversalis penis, sphineter vesicæ urinariæ, detrusor urinæ, erector clitoridis, sphineter vaginæ, sphineter ani, elevator ani, intertransversales lumborum, psoas parvus, quadratus lumborum and coecygei.

Q. Which is the obliquus descendens muscle?

A. The obliquus defcendens vel externus arifes from the eight inferior ribs, at a little diftance from their cartilages: it always intermixes, in a ferrated manner, with portions of the ferratus major atticus; and generally coheres to the pectoralis major, intercoftals and latifiimus dorfi; which laft covers the edge of a portion of it, extended

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tended from the last rib to the spine of the os ilium. From these origins the fibres run down obliquely forwards, and terminate in a thin, broad tendon, whofe fibres are continued in the fame direction. It is inferted under the whole length of the linea alba; (which is a ftrong tendinous line extended from the os pubis to the fternum, between the musculi recti,) becomes thicker towards the lower part of the abdomen, and is perforated in the middle by the umbilicus, or the outfide of the rectus muscle; the tendon of this external oblique muscle is connected with the tendons of the internal oblique and transverse muscles. The under part of the tendon divides into two columns, which leaves an oval fpace between them, named the ring of the external oblique muscle, for the passage of the fpermatic cord in the male, or the round ligament of the womb in the female. The anterior superior column passes over the cartilage between the offa pubis, and is fixed to the opposite os pubis; the other is fixed to the os pubis of the fame fide. It is also inferted, tendinous and fleshy, into the middle of the fpine of the ilium. From that part, which is named its anterior fuperior fpinous process, it is ftretched tendinous to the os pubis, and is named Poupart's or Fallopius's ligament. From this ligament it fends a tendinous layer, which is loft in the membranous fascia of the thigh.

N. B. Poupart's or Fallopius's ligament is the inferior part of the tendon of the external oblique, extending from the anterior fuperior fpinous process of the ilium, to the os pubis, where where it is thickeft, in order to ftrengthen the inferior part of the abdomen: here it is not inferted into any bone, but paffes over the blood veffels of the inferior extremity.

Q. Which is the obliquus ascendens?

A. The obliquus ascendens vel internus arifes from the spine of the ilium, the whole length between the posterior and fuperior anterior fpinous process; from the os facrum, and the three undermost lumbar vertebræ, by a tendon common to it and to the ferratus posticus inferior muscle; from Poupart's ligament, at the middle of which it fends off the beginning of the cremafter muscle, and the spermatic cord in the male, or round ligament of the womb in the female, passes under its thin edge, except a few detached fibres. It is inferted into the cartilage enfiformis, into the cartilages of the feventh, and those of all the false ribs; but at the upper part it is extremely thin, refembling a cellular membrane, and only becomes flefhy at the cartilage of the tenth rib; here its tendon divides into two layers, which join the tendon of the external oblique, and runs over the rectus, to be inferted in the whole length of the linea alba; at its undermost part it is inserted into the fore part of the os pubis.

Q. Which is the pyramidalis?

A. The pyramidalis is a fmall mufcle lying in the lower part of the rectus. It has the name from its figure, and its origin from the margin of the os pubis, with a broad flefhy head, but ends in a fmall round tendon in the linea alba, about three or four inches below the navel. This mufcle muscle is fometimes double and fometimes fingle, and fometimes they are both wanting.

Q. Which is the rectus abdominis?

A. The rectus abdominis, arifes from the fternum near the cartilago enfiformis, and the extremity of the two laft ribs. It goes ftrait down to the fore part of the abdomen, and is inferted in the os pubis.

Q. What is the transversalis abdominis?

A. The transversalis abdominis arifes tendinous, but foon becoming flefhy from the inner or back part of the cartilages of the feven lower ribs, where fome of its fibres are continued with those of the diaphragm and the intercostal mufcles, by a broad thin tendon, connected to the transverse processes of the last vertebra of the back, and the four fuperior vertebræ of the loins; fleshy, from the whole spine of the os ilium internally, and from the tendon of the external oblique muscle, where it intermixes with fome fibres of the internal oblique; it is inferted into the cartilago enliformis, and into the whole length of the linea alba, excepting its lowermost part. The spermatic cord runs under the lower edge.

The use of these abdominal muscles are to fustain the viscera of the abdomen, and to compress the parts contained therein, in order to clear it of what ought to pass off by the natural outlets, to relieve the stomach by vomiting, from whatever might be hurtful to it; and, lastly, to drive out by a violent expiration whatever may incommode the organs contained in the thorax. The obliquus descendens on the O right fide, and afcendens on the left, acting together, turn the upper part of the trunk of the body towards the left, and vice verfa; but the trunk is chiefly turned upon the thighs; the recti, bend the body forward, and pull the fternum downward in expiration; the external oblique mufcles on each fide near the groins, are perforated to let through the proceffus vaginalis with the fpermatic veffels. Thefe perforations are diftant from each other, fo as to fuffer the veffels to defcend conveniently into the fcrotum : this way the inteftines or the omentum defcend in ruptures.

Q. Which is the cremafter teftis?

A. The cremafter teftis mufcle is fo named, becaufe (with its fellow) it fufpends the tefticles, and draws them up in the act of generation: it arifes from the os ilium, and upper part of the ligamentum pubis, and almost encompaffing the process of the peritonæum (which furrounds the spermatic vessels as they come out of the abdomen) descends with it, and is inferted into the tunica vaginalis, upon which it is spread in feveral distinct portions.

Q. Which is the erector penis?

A. The erector penis and its fellow ferve for the erection of the penis. Thefe arife on each fide from the offa ifchii, and each of them is inferted into the corpus cavernofum of the fame fide. Thefe mufcles, when they act together, prefs the veins of the back of the penis againft the os pubis, by which they prevent the reflux of blood from the penis; and confequently when at the fame time the blood flows impetuoufly into

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into the part by the arteries, and cannot get back this way, the penis becomes extended and erect.

Q. Which is the accelerator urinæ?

A. The accelerator urinæ arifes tendinous from the offa ifchia, and flefhy from the fphincter ani, and being extended over the bulb of the urethra, afterwards divides, and is inferted into the penis. The ufe of this mufcle is not to accelerate the urine, for that is propelled by the detrufor urinæ, or mufcular coat of the bladder, but to protrude the femen, which is done only by this. They likewife affift the erectores in the erection of the penis, by driving the blood contained in the cavernous body of the urethra towards the glands, which is thereby diftended; the tumefaction of thefe mufcles at the fame time compreffing the veins that carry off the refluent blood from the corpus cavernofum.

Q. Which is the transversalis penis?

A. The transversalis penis vel perinæi, is one of the dilators of the urethra, arifing from the tubercle of the os ischium on each fide, and inferted into the posterior part of the bulb of the urethra. These muscles, however, are not quite determinate and certain in their origin or infertion, and sometimes they are wholly wanting. When they act, they dilate the urethra in its posterior parts.

Q. Which is the fphincter veficæ urinariæ? A. The fphincter veficæ urinariæ is compofed of transverse fibres, which form a circle round the neck of the bladder, ferving to close it, to prevent the involuntary discharge of the O_2 urine, urine. In men this muscle is connected to the fibres of the inteftinum rectum, and in women to those of the vagina.

Q. Which is the detrufor urinæ.

A. The detrufor urinæ is the mulcular coat of the bladder, its fibres terminate in the fphincter veficæ, whereby it not only preffes the urine forward, but, when the bladder is full, becomes an antagonist to the sphincter, acting almost at right angles.

Q. Which is the erector clitoridis?

A. The erector clitoridis arifes from the ifchium, and is inferted into the corpora cavernofa of the clitoris, like the erector penis in men, and is faid to caufe erection in the fame manner.

Q. Which is the sphincter vaginæ? A. The sphincter vaginæ arises from the fphincter ani, and furrounds the orifice of the vaginæ; after which it is inferted under the crura of the clitoris. Its use is to constringe the orifice of the vagina, to press out a liquor from the glands of the vagina, and embrace the penis in coition.

Q. Which is the fphincter ani?

A. The fphincter ani is a muscle near two inches broad, composed of circular fibres, which closes the extremity of the intestinum rectum, and forms the anus. It is connected forward with the accelerator urinæ in men, and with the neck of the uterus in women, and backwards with the os coccygis. This mufcle furrounds the anus to close it, and to prevent involuntary falling out of the fæces.

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Q. Which is the elevator ani?

A. The elevator ani arifes from the offa ifchii, pubis, and facrum, within the pelvis, and is inferted round the lower end of the inteftinum rectum. It furrounds also the collum veficæ, glandulæ proftatæ, and veficulæ feminales in men, and the vagina in women. The ufe of this muscle, is to fustain and elevate the anus; left the fæces should be burthensome to the sphincter; and to prefs the prostatæ and veficulæ seminales, in order to promote the emission of the feminal juices in coition.

Fiftulæ in ano, that are within this muscle, generally run in the direction of the gut, and may be laid open into the gut with great fafety; but those fiftulæ, or rather absceffes, that are frequently formed on the outfide of the fphincter, and ufually furround it, all but where this mufcle is connected to the penis, cannot be opened far into the gut, without totally dividing the fphincter, which authors fay renders the fphincter ever after incapable of reftraining the excrement: but this does not always hold true; for there have been many inftances of the fphincter being divided, which made the patients unable to hold their excrements during the cure, but the wounds being healed, they have retained them as well as ever.

Q. Which are the intertransversales lumborum?

A. The intertransversales lumborum are small muscles, seated between all the transverse processes of the vertebræ lumborum, to bring them nearer together.

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Q. Which is the pfcas parvus?

A. The pfoas parvus is one of the flexor mufcles of the loins, which arifes laterally from the body of the upper vertebra of the loins, and the laft of the back, and is inferted into the os pubis, where it is joined to the ilium.

Q. Which is the quadratus lumborum?

A. The quadratus lumborum has its origin in the anterior and fuperior part of the pofterior procefs of the ilium, and is inferted into all the transverse processes of the vertebræ of the loins, the last vertebra of the thorax, and the last rib. This, with its fellow, acting alternately, assist the extensor dorfi et lumborum in raising the offa innominata in progression: or each acting fingly, while the lower limbs are not moved, inclines the body to one fide.

Q. Which are the coccygai?

A. The coccygæi arife from the acute proceffes of the offa ifchii, and are inferted into the os coccygis, which they pull forward.

Q. What is the peritonæum?

A. This membrane is named peritonæum, from a Greek word, which fignifies to be fpread around. Having removed the mufcles of the abdomen, the first thing we difcover, is a very confiderable membranous covering, which adheres immediately to the inner furface of the mufculi transfers, and of all the other parts of this cavity; and involves and invests all the viscera contained therein, as in a kind of bag. The peritonæum, in general, is a membrane of a pretty close texture, and yet very limber, and capable

capable of a very great extension; after which it can recover itfelf, and be contracted to its ordinary fize, as we fee in pregnancy, dropfies, corpulency, and repletion. It may be looked on as a fingle membrane, although it has been described by many anatomists, as a duplicature of two diftinct membranous laminæ; but, properly fpeaking, the internal portion alone deferves the name of a membranous lamina, as being the main body of the peritonæum. The external portion may properly enough be termed the cellular fubftance of the peritonæum. The inner furface of the peritonæum is very fmooth, and polifhed on that fide which is turned to the cavity and vifcera of the abdomen, and continually moiftened by a ferous fluid, difcharged through almost imperceptible pores; these pores may be feen by spreading a portion of the peritonæum on the end of the finger, and then pulling it very tight on all fides; for then the pores are dilated, and fmall drops may be observed to run from them, even without a microfcope. The fources of this fluid are chiefly from the exhalent veffels. The whitish corpuscles found in difeafed fubjects, are no proofs of the glands, which fome anatomists place there in the natural ftate. The cellular fubftance, or external portion of the peritonæum adheres very closely to the parts which forms the infides of the cavity of the abdomen; and it is not every where of an equal thickness; in some places it is in a very -fmall quantity, and fcarcely any appears at the tendinous or aponeurotic portions of the musculi O 4 transversi,

and on the lower fide of the diaphragm; in all other places it is thicker, and forms cells, expanded into very fine laminæ, which, in difeafed subjects, becomes fometimes fo broad and thick, as to refemble fo many diffinct membranes. In fome places this fubftance is every way like a membrana adipofa, being filled with fat, as round the kidnies, and along the flefhy portions of the transverse muscles, to which it adheres. It entirely furrounds fome parts, as the bladder, ureters, kidnies, spermatic vessels, &c. and it is in these places improperly termed the duplicature of the peritonæum. Befides thefe differences in thickness, the cellular fubstance has feveral elongations, which have been called productions of the peritonaum. Two of these productions accompany and inveft the fpermatic ropes in males, and the vafcular ropes, commonly called the round ligaments, in women. There are other two, which pais under the ligamentum Fallopii, with the crural veffels, which they involve; and they are gradually loft in their courfe downwards. To these four productions of the cellular fubstance of the peritonæum, we may add a fifth, which is fpread on the neck of the bladder; and perhaps a fixth, which accompanies the inteftinum rectum. All these elongations pafs out of the cavity of the abdomen, and may be termed external, to diffinguish them from others that remain in the abdomen, and are called internal, The great blood veffels, that is the aorta and vena cava, are likewife involved in this cellular fubstance of the peritonæum. In a word, it involves immediately and feparately *

feparately all the parts and organs which are commonly faid to lie in the duplicature of the peritonæum. The true lamina, or membranous portion of the peritonæum, is connected by the intervention of the cellular fubstance to the inner furface of the cavity of the abdomen; but it does not naturally accompany the external elongations of that jubstance. It only covers the origin or bafis of these productions, without any alteration in its own furface at these places. It has, neverthelefs, productions of its own, but they are very different from those of the cellular fubstance; for they run from without inward, that is, they run from the convex fide of the great bag of the peritonæum into the cavity of that bag, fome more, fome lefs, and alfo in different manners, as if the fides of a large ball or bladder were thrust inward into the cavity of the ball or bladder. Of these internal elongations of the peritonæum, fome are fimply folded like a duplicature, fome are expanded like inverted bags, or facculi, to contain fome vifcus; fome begin by a fimple duplicature, and are afterwards expanded into a cavity, which contains fome organ; fome are alternately extended in the form of fimple duplicatures and of cavities; and, laftly, fome from only a fmall eminence on the inner furface of the great cavity of the peritonæum. Under the first species of these productions, we may bring the membranous ligaments of the abdomen, fuch as those of the liver, colon, &c. We fee the fecond species in the external membrane of the liver; the third in the mefentery; the fourth in the mefocolon ;

melocolon; and the fifth at the kidnies and ureters. Befides the external productions of the cellular fubftance of the peritonæum, it has the fame number of external elongations with the true lamina; which lie between all the duplicatures, and line the infides of all the cavities, or that fide next the vifcera contained in them.

The arteries and veins of the peritonæum are fupplied from the epigaltric, mammary, lumbar, and diaphragmatic veffels, and often from the spermatics. Its nerves are from those of the diaphragm, back, loins, and os facrum. It has also a few lymphatics, which discharge themfelves into the iliac glands.

The uses of the peritonæum are, to enclose the contents or viscera of the abdomen; for when it is dilated, wounded, or broken, they fall out of their proper places, and ruptures are formed. It also gives an external covering to almost all the parts contained in the abdomen, and forms the process of the peritonæum, and the tunica vaginalis of the testes.

• The dropfy of the peritonæum may be diftinguifhed by being least prominent about the navel, for there the tendons of the muscles and the peritonæum will not separate; and the water, in fome that have been diffected, has been found to have made the parts where it was contained as foul as any ulcer; therefore none of them could have been cured by operation.

Q. What are the vifcera of the abdomen?

A. The vifcera of the abdomen, are the ftomach, omentum, duodenum, jejunum, ilium, cæcum, colon, rectum, melentery, melocolon, liver, gall-bladder, porus biliarius, pancreas, fpleen,

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fpleen, kidnies, renal glands, ureters and bladder; befides the vafa lactea, receptaculum chyli, and ductus thoracicus, already spoken of, and the urethra and internal and external parts of generation, which I shall hereafter describe.

A knowledge of the fituation of these viscera, is often peculiarly advantageous to the medical practitioner. In new-born infants the diftance between the sternum and the pelvis is near to a third of their whole length; in adults, the length of the abdomen does not extend to a fifth of the whole. In children of three feet in height, the abdomen measures nearly one foot, and it is not found to exceed that in adults five feet high. The abdomen may be confidered as divided into three regions; in the fuperior are comprehended those parts that are bounded by the diaphragm and ribs, the middle extends from the ribs to the pelvis, and the inferior is conftituted by the pelvis. The middle region in infants is not only much longer, but, in proportion, much more extensive in every refpect than in people who have advanced to their full fize. But though this middle region in infants is fo large, the fuperior and inferior are very fmall in proportion to those of adults; fo that in young children all the vifcera of the lower belly are contained in its middle region, and remain there until, by degrees, they infinuate themfelves into the other two regions as thefe become enlarged. At about the fifteenth year the fituation of the vifcera is entirely changed, and is as in the adult.

Q. What is the ftomach?

A. The ventriculus or ftomach, is a hollow membranous

membranous part, placed mostly in the left hypochondrium, immediately under the left fide of the diaphragm, its left fide touching the fpleen, and its right covered by the thin edge of the liver.

The ftomach in infants, inftead of being fituated transversely, as is the case in adults, hangs almost perpendicularly. It extends from the epigastric region, to the umbilical, inclining a very little to the left above, and to the right fide below, having its convex fide, or great curve, turned to the left, and the fmall curvature to the right. In confequence of this fituation of the stomach, the omentum, which is always attached to its great curvature, lies more towards the left than the right fide. From want of this circumstance being known, some have treated as difeafes of the colon, fuch complaints in children, as on opening their bodies after death, have been found feated in the omentum only.

Its figure nearly refembles a pouch of a bagpipe, but its upper fide is concave, and the lower convex; it has two orifices, both on its upper parts; the left, called cardia, is placed much higher than the right, continuous to the gula, through which the aliment paffes into the stomach; its right orifice is called the pylorus, through which the aliment is conveyed out of the ftomach into the duodenum: in this part there is a circular valve which closes the ftomach, and hinders a return of aliment out of the gut, but does not at all times hinder the gall from flowing into the ftomach. The pylorus is connected

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nected to the upper part of the ftomach by a ligament. The fize of the ftomach in human fubjects is various; in people addicted to gluttony it is ufually very large; and in men it is generally larger than in women. Its veffels are arteries, veins, nerves, and lymphatics. The gaftric arteries it receives from the cæliac; and the gaftric veins all run to the vena portæ; among thefe are obfervable the vafa brevia, which go off to the fplenic branch, and the vena coronaria, which furrounds the ftomach. Its nerves principally enter at the left orifice; they come from the par vagum, and are very large, whence it is that the ftomach is fo fenfible : the lymphatics go to the receptaculum chyli.

The fubstance of the stomach is membranaceous, and is composed of four coats, as the cefophagus. The first or external coat is membranous, the fibres of which run transversely; the fecond coat is mufcular, whole fibres are chiefly longitudinal and circular; the third is nervous, this forms a multitude of wrinkles, and is furnished with a number of fanguiferous veffels, and fmall glands, which fecrete a mucus; the fourth coat is thin, villofe, and porous, and adheres very firmly to the former. As the muscular coat contracts, the inner coat falls into folds, which increase as the stomach leffens, and confequently retard the aliment most when the stomach is nearest being empty. The use of the stomach is for the digestion of our food, that is to receive, contain, diffolve, and change what is fwallowed by the mouth; and after a sufficient concoction, to expel it through through the pylorus into the inteffines: poffibly it alfo abforbs, and retains the most fubtle parts of what it has thus prepared for nutrition: but I shall speak more of this hereafter.

Q. What is the duodenum ?

A. The inteftinum duodenum is the first of the three fmall guts, fo called from its being about twelve fingers breadth in length. It begins from the pylorus, from which turning downwards, it first passes by the gall bladder, and then under the jejunum and mefentery, and coming in fight again in the left hypochondrium, it there commences jejunum, which is the fecond of the fmall guts; but the place where this ends and the other begins, is not exactly determined. In infancy it is placed almost entirely behind the ftomach. About four fingers breadth from the pylorus, it receives a duct from the liver and gall bladder, called ductus communis choledochus, and another from the pancreas, called pancreaticus, at a little diftance from each other, which discharge their respective liquors into it. The coats of the duodenum are thicker than those of any other of the fmall guts, its cavity is alfo greater, and its paffage in a straiter direction than any of them. The villi of the inteftine are thicker than in the ftomach; but the texture of them in man is not like hairs, as they are commonly represented in figures, but rather like that of a fungous glandulated fubstance, composed of an infinite number of very fine papillæ of different figures, in which we fee, through a microfcope, a multitude

titude of depressed points or pores, by which their whole furface feems to be pierced. Near its origin it has no valves, nor rugæ or wrinkles; but in its continuation it has very numerous and remarkable ones, called by authors juga. It has also the glands of Brunnerus in great number, which ferve for the fecreting of a thin aqueous fluid, and it receives an artery from the cæliac and a vein from the aorta.

Q. What is the jejunum ?

A. The jejunum is fo called from its being ufually found empty, which is owing to the fluidity of the chyle, the greater stimulus of the bile in it, and the abundance of the lacteal veffels with which it is furnished. It is fituated in the regio umbilicalis, and being the fecond of the fmall guts, it begins where the duodenum ends, and terminates where the valves are obliterated. Its length is different in various fubjects; but is ufually between thirteen and fixteen hands breadth long, making fomewhat more than a third part of the fmall guts. It is diftinguished from the ilium by its coats, which are a small matter thinner, and less pale; it receives arteries from the mefentericæ, and veins from the mefaraicæ, and has alfo a great many connivent glands and valves.

Q. What is the ilium?

A. The ilium is the continuation of the jejunum, and is the third and laft of the finall guts. It is fituated in the hypogaftrium, and very often fome part of it in the pelvis, upon the bladder, efpecially in women; filling all the fpace between the illia, whence its name. Its

Its length is various, fometimes not more than fifteen, fometimes twenty-one hands breadth, or more. Its beginning is where the valves of the jejunum ceafe to be confpicuous, and its end is where the larger inteffines begin; in which place, it is in a very fingular manner inferted into the right fide of the colon, near the upper edge of the os ilium. It has no other valves except that great one at the end which is called by many valvula coli Bauhini : its glands are, in general, more numerous towards the end than in any other part. The great length of the fmall guts is evidently for the convenience of a greater number of lacteals, that the chyle which miffes the orifices in one place may not efcape them in another. This inteffine, because of its fituation, falls eafily down into the fcrotum, by the production of the peritonæum.

Q. What are the thick and great guts?

A. The thick and great guts are the cæcum, colon, and rectum; but the cæcum here meant, is the head of the colon.

Q. What is the cæcum?

A. The cæcum, or apendicula vermiformis, is the only true cæcum, though the ancients defcribe it otherwife. It is fituated on the beginning of the colon, and is properly an appendage of that gut. It is about four fingers breadth long, and the bignefs of an earth-worm or goofe-quill, with a fmall orifice opening into the colon : this gut has feldom any thing in it. It is called cæcum, or blind, becaufe it is open only at one end, by which it is fixed to the beginning of the colon; its other end, which

which is fhut, is not tied to the mefentery, but to the right kidney, by means of the peritonæum. In human fubjects, the cæcum is called one of the large guts, though it is the fmalleft by far; this miltake is owing to the ancients taking their defcription of the vitcera from dogs and fome other animals in whom the cæcum is very large, as Chelfelden and others obferve.

Q. What is the colon?

A. The colon may be reckoned the first of the great guts, as I have before observed. It is the greatest and widest of all the intestines, and about eight or nine hands breadth long. It begins where the ilium ends, in the cavity of the os ilium, on the right fide; from thence afcending by the kidney on the fame fide, it paffes under the concave fide of the liver, to which it is fometimes tied, as likewife to the gall-bladder, which tinges it yellow in that place; then it runs under the bottom of the ftomach to the fpleen, in the left fide, to which it is also knit; from thence it turns. down to the left kidney : and thence, paffing in form of an S, it terminates in the upper part of the os facrum, in the rectum. At the beginning of this gut, there is a valve formed by the production of the inmost coat of the intestines: in this place it hinders the excrements which are once fallen into the colon, from returning again to the ilium. It has a ftrong ligament, which, running along its upper fide from the ilium to the rectum, ftrengthens it against the weight of the excrements, and draws it together into the cells, which, with the valvulæ conniventes, retards P the the paffage of the excrements, that we may not be obliged continually to go to ftool. The flefhy fibres of its fecond coat are greater and ftronger than those of the other intestines, because greater strength is requisite to cause the excrements to ascend. The connivent valves are larger in this than in any other of the guts, as well as the coats stronger.

Q. What is the rectum?

A. The rectum is the laft of all the inteffines. It is about two hands breadth long, and three fingers breadth broad; it begins at the upper part of the os facrum, where the colon ends, and going ftrait down (whence its name) it is tied to the extremities of the coccyx, by the peritonæum behind, and to the neck of the bladder in men, but in women to the vagina uteri before, from whence comes the fympathy between those parts. The coats of the rectum are more thick and fleshy than those of any other of the inteftines: it has in general no valves, but feveral rugæ : the absence of valves here, is to prevent the expulsion of the fæces from being retarded. The extremity of this gut forms the anus. The figure of this inteftine varies as it is full or empty: when empty, it is irregularly cylindrical, and finks in by a kind of transverse folds; and in that ftate it is about three fingers breadth in diameter, more or lefs. When full it is wider, in proportion to the quantity of fæces, wind, or whatever elfe is contained in it; and it may be extended to the fize of a large bladder, fo as to reprefent a kind of ftomach. The lower end

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end of this gut is the feat of the true fiftula in ano, which ufually runs betwixt the mulcular coat and the inner coat; it is cured by opening it the whole length into the cavity of the gut; it is yet better, if it can be done, to extirpate all that is fiftulous and fchirrous. The other kind of fiftula, improperly fo called, is an abfeefs running round the outfide of the fphincter, in the shape of a horse-shoe, being a circle all but where this muscle unites with those of the penis; this is beft cured by opening and removing part of the outer fkin. The former of these cafes happens ofteneft in full habits, proceeding frequently from the piles; the latter is generally a critical discharge, and one of nature's last efforts in confumptive and fcorbutic habits of body. The inversion and sliding down of this gut is called prolapfus ani, a dileafe common in children, especially those who are afflicted with the ftone, and not of much confequence; in men it is more rare and dangerous, being generally attended with a flux of humours. I have teen cales related of a prolapfus ani being cured by taking away a piece of the prolapsed gut with a caultic, lengthways of the gut; when the wound discharged the flux of the humours, the gut was eafily reduced, and cicatrizing in that itate, it never more fell down. Another, where a bold unthinking furgeon having cut off the prolapfed part, the cicatrix was fo hard and contracted, that the patient could never after go to ftool without a glyfter, and then not without great misery. Oftentimes the piles occafion large tumours at the lower end of this gut: P 2 thefe

these are always best extirpated by ligature ; for if they are cut, they will fometimes bleed exceffively, and it is no eafy matter to apply any thing to ftop a flux of blood in that part. The guts have the same coats as the stomach, and the great guts have three membranes or ligaments, running on the outfide their whole length, and fupporting the facculi into which those guts are divided. The leffer guts have at very fmall distances, semi-lunar valves, placed opposite to the interffices of each other, to prevent the aliment from paffing too speedily through the guts; and the better to answer that end, they are larger and more numerous near the ftomach, where the food is thinner, than they are towards the colon, where the food is continually made thicker in its progrefs by a difcharge of part of the chyle. This contrivance, fo neceffary to men becaufe of their crect posture, when they are obliged by ficknefs or accidents to lie along, becomes a great inconvenience, and calls for the help of glyfters and purges. But brutes have not these valves, because they are not convenient in an horizontal posture. At the entrance of the ilium into the colon, are two very large valves, which effectually hinder the regrefs of the fæces into the ilium. Clyfters, indeed, have been frequently known to pass them, and be vomited up; but the excrement that is fometimes vomited up, I am apt to think is fuch as had not passed into the great guts. The other valves in the colon are placed opposite, but not in the fame place, to each other, and make with their anterior

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anterior edges an equilateral triangle; but as the gut approaches the anus, they become lefs remarkable, and fewer in number, as before obferved. All the inteftines have in their inner membrane an almost infinite number of very Imall glands; fome of them in the large guts will appear to the naked eye when they are difeafed. Their office is to difcharge into the intestines, a liquor which ferves for the attenuation of the chyle, for lubricating the inteftines, and in the large guts, to foften the fæces, that they may be evacuated without pain. The use of the smaller guts is to promote the formation of the chyle, to perfect its fecretions, and to propel the remaining fæces to the larger. The office of the larger guts is to receive and collect the matter of the fæces, and at a proper time to expel it. The length of the guts to that of the body is as five to one in a middle-fized man; in taller men the proportion is usually lefs, and in short men greater. The intestines have veffels in great abundance, running over every part of their substance. Their arteries are from the meferaic, ferving for the smaller intestines, the lower for the larger; and thefe make a multitude of very fingular and furprizing anaftomofes. The veins are meferaics, and go off to the vena portæ and the liver. The nerves are fent from the intercostals, and the par vagum; besides thefe, we are to observe the lacteal veffels already described. The rectum receives blood-vessels alfo from the hypogastrics.

Q. What is the omentum?

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A. The omentum, epiploon, or caul, is a fine membrane larded with fat, fomewhat like net-work. It is fituate under the peritonæum, and immediately above the inteffines on the furface of the fmall guts, and refembles an apron tucked up. Its outer or upper part, named ala superior, is connected to the bottom of the ftomach, the foleen, and part of the inteftinum duodenum; and thence descending a little lower than the navel, is reflected and tied to the intestinum colon, the spleen, and part of the duodenum; this last part is called ala inferior, and the fpace between the alæ is named burfa. Sometimes both alæ are tied to the liver, and in difeafed bodies adheres to the peritonæum. The uses of the omentum are, to lubricate the inteffines, that they may the eafier perform their periftaltic motion, and to cherifh and defend them from cold; to affift in the formation of the bile, the fatty part of which is wholly owing to the veffels of the omentum; every thing (according to Malpighi) that returns from this part going to the liver through adipole ducts to the vena portæ. It ferves alfo to temporate the acrimony of the humours, and probably to give nourishment to the body, as all the other fat is fupposed to do, when it is incapable of being nourished any other way. The arteries of the omentum come from the cæliac, and are very numerous; its veins arife chiefly from the fplenic branch of the vena portæ, and its nerves are from the intercostals and par vagum.

Q. What is the mefentery ?

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A. The melentery is a thick fat membrane, placed in the middle of the abdomen, or midft of the inteftines, particularly of the fmaller ones, whence it has the name. It is almost of a circular figure, with a narrow production, to which the end of the colon and beginning of the rectum are fastened. It is about four fingers in breadth, and half a hand's breadth in diameter; its circumference is full of plaits and foldings, and about three ells in length; the inteffines are tied like a border on this circumference, fo that to every inch of the melentery, there are about three inches of the inteftines fastened. Its substance is composed of membranes, fat, veffels of all kinds, and a number of glands. Its coats or membranes are two, and between these there is a cellular fubstance, which contains the fat: the meferaic veffels and glands are also placed there, which many reckon a third coat of the melentery, and that not improperly; this they call the tunica cellulofa. In the upper part it is ftrongly fastened to the three fuperior vertebræ of the loins; and in the lower, with the inteftines, and particularly with the jejunum and ilium. The veffels of the mefentery are blood-veffels, nerves, lacteals, and lymphatics. The blood-veffels are the fame with those of the intestines, and these make a multitude of strange meanders, and have very frequent anastomoses. The nerves also come from the par vagum, and the intercostals. There are a number of glands difperfed throughont the whole mefentery, from which they take their name; these vary greatly in their fize, P4 figure,

figure, and fituation, in different fubjects, and in old people they frequently almost difappear. The uses of the mesentery are to preferve the jejunum and ilium from twisting in their peristaltic or vernicular motion, and to confine the rest to their places, to fustain the fanguiserous and lacteal vessels of the intestines, and to make the way for the lacteals to the receptacle the shorter.

Q. What is the mefocolon?

A. The mefocolon is that part of the mefentery connected with the great guts, and efpecially the colon. The mefocolon meets the middle of the colon, to which it is joined. Its lower part flicks to a part of the rectum.

Q. What is the liver ?

A. The liver is the largest gland in the body, of a dufky red colour, fituated immediately un-In infants it is large in proportion to its fize in adults; and is fituated almost article in adults; and is fituated almost entirely in the middle region of the abdomen; it appears to the touch externally, indeed, much nearer the linea alba than it is ever found to be in a more advanced age. Its figure is almost round, the upper furface convex, fmooth, and equal; the lower, hollow and unequal; backward, towards the ribs it is thick, and thin on its fore Le part, where it covers the upper fide of the ftofrie mach, and some of the guts. In its middle and fore part, it is divided into two by a fiffure, where the umbilical veffels enter. It is fastened in the body by two ligaments; the first, which is large and strong, comes from the peritonæum o 2 loves verides the loveles michan large love is situated on the no which more um contic a must

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that covers the diaphragm, to which the upper fide of the liver adheres, and is thus tied to it and the fternum, being named latum or fufpenforium : the fecond is the umbilical vein, which after the birth degenerates into a ligament called teres or umbilicale; it is inferted at a finall fiffure in the lower edge of the liver. The ligamentum latum vel fuspenforium, fustains the liver in an erect posture, or rather fixes it in its fituation, while it is supported by the other vifcera, they being compressed by the abdominal muscles.

In lying down, the teres prevents it from preffing on the diaphragm; and in lying on the back, they both together fulpend it, that it may not comprefs and obstruct the afcending vena cava. The veffels of the liver are very numerous, receiving arteries from the cæliac and mefenterica fuperior, called arteriæ hepaticæ; veins from the vena cava, and vena portæ; and nerves, from the plexus hepaticus of the intercostals. The biliary veffels are the ductus choledochus communis, which opens obliquely into the duodenum; the ductus cyfficus, which runs from the gall-bladder to the common duct; the ductus hepaticus, which runs from the liver to the common duct; and the branches of this, diftributed through the liver, make what are called pori biliarii. The liver has alfo a great number of lymphatics, most of which open near the vena portæ, or the concave fide of the liver; from thence the lympha is carried by other lymphatics to the receptaculum chyli. To these veffels we may add the canalis venofus, and the great finus A N A T O M C A L a finus of the vena portæ, are accompanied in the liver with many fmall branches of the cæliac and meferaic arteries already mentioned. The vena portæ fupplies the place of an artery, and brings the blood full of bile for fecretion, which being ftrained off, the vena cava returns the blood which remains. The vena portæ and the cava, enter the liver by its concave fide, and are equally diftributed through all its fubftance; wherever there is a branch of the one, there is alfo a branch of the other.

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There is one circumftance not much attended to with refpect to the fituation of the liver, viz. its large or right lobe occupies the whole half of the body where it lies, from the fpine to the infide of the ribs, laying over the upper part of the kidnies; now this pofition of the liver is not often confidered; for when any perfon hath a pain in the fmall of the back, they fay very readily it is in the kidnies, but if it is a little higher up in their back, it is feldom if ever thought to be in the liver, though it moft undoubtedly may, as its pofterior edge lays in that part on the right the fide.

Q. What are the excretory ducts of the liver?

e A. The excretory ducts of the liver are the veficula fellis, and porus bilarius.

The Q. What is the vesicula fellis?

A. The veficula fellis, or gall-bladder, is a receptacle of bile, faftened to the concave part, or under fide of the liver; its figure is like that of a pear, and, in general, of the fize of a fmall hen's egg, though it differs in bignefs in almost

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every perfon. When the liver is in its natural fituation, the bottom, or largest part of the gall-bladder, is downwards, and the neck, or narrow part upwards; and then it touches the ftomach as well as the colon, where it frequently dies them yellow. This bladder is composed of three membranes, or coats; the outermost is common to it with the liver, the next is mufcular, and the third is nervous, covered with a kind of cruft or mucus, which preferves it against the acrimony of the secreted bile, probably by fome fmall glands, which Malpighi has remarked, between its coats, where the cyftic arteries end. The bile is brought into the gallbladder by fome finall veffels, which arife from the neighbouring glands, and which, uniting, form one or two pipes, which open at the neck of the bladder. These ducts are hard to difcover in any liver except in that of an ox. From the neck of the gall-bladder there goes a pipe about the bigness of a goose quill, called ductus cyfticus, running towards the duodenum. Some fmall biliary ducts open likewife into it, and its inner membrane has leveral rugæ, which retard; the motion of the bile. From the liver to this duct, runs one called hepaticus, which carries off the gall this way, when the gall-bladder is full; these two together make the ductus communis choledochus, which goeth obliquely to the duodenum, and enters that gut about four inches below its beginning. The gallbladder has two veins from the vena portæ, which are called cyfticæ gemellæ. It has fome finall arteries from the cæliaca dextra, and fome lymphatics

lymphatics. The use of the gall-bladder is to collect the bile, first fecreted in the liver, and mixing it with its own peculiar produce, to perfect it farther, to retain it together a certain time, and then to expel it.

Q. What is the porus biliarius?

A. The porus biliarius is another excretory veffel of the liver; and, according to fome, is the fame with the ductus hepaticus : but I, as well as many others, make a diffinction between them, and have already observed, that the hepatic duct runs from the liver to the ductus choledochus. The porus biliarius has as many branches as the vena portæ, which it accompanies through every part of the liver. Whereever there is a branch of the one, there is a branch of the other; and thefe two are inclosed in one common capfule, as in a fheath. The ufe of this capfule is to facilitate the motion of the blood and bile, by the contraction of its fibres. All these branches unite, and make one trunk, of the bigness of a small quill, which joins the end of the cyftic duct, carrying the bile from the liver to the inteffines, by the common duct, as was faid before. The infertion of the polus biliarius into the cyftic duct is oblique, with its mouth looking towards the ductus communis, by which means it is impoffible that the bile, which comes from the cyftis, can enter the polus biliarius, unlefs the common duct is ftopped.

As the liver, from its fituation in the fame cavity with the ftomach, will be most prefied, and confequently separate most gall when the ftomach

stomach is fullest, which is the time when it is most wanted; so the gall-bladder, being feated against the duodenum, will have its fluid preffed out by the paffing through that gut, and confequently at a right time, and in due proportion; because the greater that quantity of aliment is, the greater will be the compression, and fo the contrary.

There is no way of computing with any exactnefs, the quantity of bile that is usually fecreted by the liver in a given time : but if it is four times as much as all the falivary glands fecrete, it may be twenty four ounces for every meal; to which being added fix ounces of faliva, which appears to be a moderate computation, fuppofing the pancreas, in the fame time, fecretes three ounces, there will then be thirtythree ounces of fluids separated for the digestion or one meal; and that these necessary fluids may not be wasted in fuch quantities, they pass into the blood with the chyle, and may be foon feparated again for the fame use, and very likely fome of the fame bile may be employed more than once, for digefting part of the fame meal. As the liver exceeds all the glands in the body in magnitude, and its excretory ducts ending in the duodenum, it feems to me to be much more capable of making those large separations from the blood, which are procured by cathartics, than the fcarce visible glands of the guts. The liver ordinarily weighs, in a middle fized man, about three pounds twelve ounces: the pancreas, three ounces; and the fpleen, fourteen ounces, and the state from the

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A. The pancreas, commonly called the fweetbread, is a large gland of the falivary kind, lying across the upper and back part of the abdomen, near the duodenum, behind the ftomach, and between the liver and fpleen. Its length is eight or nine inches, its breadth about two fingers, or two and a half, its thickness about one finger, and its weight about three ounces, as before obferved. The shape of the pancreas very much refembles the tongue of a dog; it is broadeft towards the duodenum, and gradually narrower towards the fpleen. It is furrounded with a membrane, which is continuous with the periconæum; it has arteries from the cæliac and fplenic branches, and veins also from the splenic vein; its nerves are from the par vagum and intercoltals; and finally it has a fhort excretory duct, which is fituated in the middle of the pancreas, where it refembles an empty vein, and is about the thickness of a very small straw. This duct terminates in the duodenum, which it enters obliquely, four or five fingers breadth below the pylorus, ufually at the fame orifice with the ductus choledochus, but fometimes it has a double aperture. The use of the pancreas is to fecrete a particular liquor, called the pancreatic juice, which is of a falivofe nature, and is carried by the pancreatic duct into the duodenum, where it ferves to dilute the chyle, or render it more fluid and fit to enter the mouths of the lacteals; and, perhaps, to temper and dilute the bile, to change its viscidity, bitterness, colour, &c. and make it mix with the chyle, in order

order to affimilate the feveral taftes, odours and properties of the feveral foods, into one homogeneous one.

In those who die of the jaundice, for the most part, are found in the gall-bladder, and the biliary ducts, concretions of bile, fo light as to fwim in water, yet are called gall-stones : these cause the jaundice, by obstructing the ducts; many perfons who have been cured of this difease have had great numbers of these stones found in their excrements.

Q. What is the fpleen?

A. The fpleen is a vifcus of a deep blackifh red colour, fituated on the left fide of the ftomach, immediately under the diaphragm, near the ribs and above the left kidney. The fpleen in infants is always eafily difcovered, by the touch, immediately below the false ribs; this, in adults, never can be done but in a difeafed state of the vifcus: in the former, a confiderable part of it is fituated in the middle region of the abdomen; whereas, in the latter, its feat is always in the left hypochondrium. The figure of it is a fort of depreffed oval, near twice as long as broad, and almost twice as broad as thick. Its ufual fize is five or fix inches long, three broad, and one inch thick; but this varies in different fubjects. It is supported by the contained parts, and fixed to its place by an adhesion to the peritonæum and diaphragm; it is alfo connected with the ftomach, by the vafa brevia, and with the pancreas, omentum, and left kidney, by membranes. The fubitance of the fpleen is vafcular and fibrofe. There are two lymphatic glands glands of about the bignefs of a bean, fituated without it, near where the veffels enter. The veffels of the fpleen, confidering its fize, are remarkably large. Its artery is from the cæliac, and is called the fplenic artery; the fplenic vein is like those of the other viscera, very much ramified, and its branches are carried throughout the whole fpleen; the nerves of the fpleen are from the plexus splenicus: the spleen has no excretory duct; but there are in it lymphatic veffels running to the receptaculum chyli. The use of the spleen has been much controverted by authors; but the most probable seems to be, that it ferves to render the blood more fluid, out of which the bile is afterwards to be secreted.

Q. What are the kidnies?

A. The kidnies are two dark red vifcera of an oblong figure, refembling a large bean; fituated one on each fide the vertebræ of the loins, in the posterior part of the abdomen, upon the two last ribs. The right kidney lies under the great lobe of the liver, and is confequently lower than the left, which lies under the fpleen; the concave fide of the kidnies is turned inwards to the vertebra, and the convex fide outward. The kidnies are connected with the loins, the lower ribs, the colon, glandulæ renales, the renal veffels, and the ureters. They have two membranes, the one common from the peritonænm, called the adipofe membrane, from its being generally covered with much fat; this furrounds them but loofely, and is furnished with its own proper veffels. The other membrane is proper, is very thin, and every where applied clofely to the

the fubstance of the kidnies. The fubstance of the kidnies is firm and hard, and is of two kinds. The exterior, or cortical part, according to Malpighi, is glandular, but according to the discoveries of Ruysch, is throughout elegantly vafcular. Or, as others observe, we may diftinguish three kinds of fubstances in the kidnies; an exterior, which is thick, granulated, and in a manner cortical; a middle fubstance, which is medullary and radiated, called striata fulcala, or tubularis, becaufe it feems to be made up of radicled tubes; and an inner fubstance, which is only a continuation of the fecond, and terminates on the infide by papillæ, for which reason it is called papillaris. The interior is tubulous, and expressed by the name of tubuli urinarii Bellini; thefe terminate in ten or twelve papillæ, which open by a multitude of apertures into the pelvis; but these papillæ are not found in all fubjects. This length answers to the diftance between the two laft false ribs and the os ilium, which is generally about five or fix fingers breadth; they are about half as broad as long, and about half as thick as broad. 'The veffels of the kidnies are like those of the liver, included in a membrane, from the peritonæum. The arteries and veins are large, and called emulgents, and renal veffels; these are produced from the aorta and vena cava; the nerves are from the plexus renalis, proceeding from the intercostals. There is also a number of lymphatics passing to the receptaculum chyli; and also an excretory duct, called the ureter, which I shall by and by describe. The use of the kidnies is to secrete the the urine from the blood, which is brought there for that purpofe by the emulgent arteries; and what remains from the fecretion, is returned by the emulgent veins, while the urine fecreted is carried off through the ureters to the bladder.

Q. What are the glandulæ renales?

A. The glandulæ renales, called alfo capfulæ atrabiliariæ, and renes fuccenturiati, are two yellowifh glands of a compreffed figure, lying on each fide of the upper part of the kidnies, a little above the emulgent veffels. They have a very narrow cavity imbued with a brownifh liquor of a fweetifh tafte, and are about the bignefs of a large nux vomica generally in adults; in the fœtus they are larger, and often exceed the kidnies themfelves in fize. The very thin membrane that furrounds them clofely involves their whole fubftance, and connects them with the kidnies. They have blood veffels and nerves, and their lymphatic veffels are numerous.

Q. What are the ureters?

A. The ureters are tubes about the bignefs of goofe-quills, and about a foot long; they arife from the hollow fide of the kidnies, and terminate in the urinary bladders near the neck. At their origin in the kidnies they are expanded into the form of a funnel, and this expansion makes the pelvis of the kidnies: at their termination in the bladder, they pass obliquely for the space of an inch between its coats, which manner of entering is to them as valves, for their orifices being narrow, will admit of nothing into them from the bladder. The ureters are not straight, but somewhat bent, fo as to refemble the letter S. Their Their fubftance is membranous, and they are composed of three coats; the first is from the peritonæum; the second is a thin muscular one; and the third, a nervous one, covered with a flimy liquor to defend it against the acrimony of the urine; and in this, there are sometimes difcovered glands; the blood vessels and nerves come from the adjacent parts. Such as are such as are fubject to the gravel, and are given to excess of drinking, have them sometimes for much dilated, that you may put the end of the little finger into them. Their use is to carry the urine from the kidnies to the bladder. Their obstruction causes a such as a such as a such as a such as a such a

Q. Where is the bladder fituated, and how composed?

A. The urinary bladder is feated in a duplicature of the peritonæum in the lower part of the pelvis; but in infants it is entirely above the pelvis; it is remarkably large in proportion to the a other parts, and extends to within a very fmall distance of the navel; when full of urine it makes a very evident prominence near about the middle and inferior part of the abdomen. Its shape is orbicular, and its coats are the fame with med those of the guts already described, viz. an external, membranous, a middle muscular (which is the detrufor urinæ,) and an inner membra- 60 nous or nervous coat, which is covered with a peculiar fluid of a mucous nature, fecreted in glands fituated in this coat, and principally in that part which is near the neck of the bladder. The coats of the bladder are much thinner in the body and the fundus (which is the bottom, fituated 3 coats some say 4 bu

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fituated uppermost) than they are at the neck and lowest part. The sphincter, in the neck of the bladder, closes it, to prevent an involuntary discharge of urine. The bladder in adults will conveniently hold about a pint; but it is capable of diftention to as to hold much more. It is connected in the human body, in a fingular manner, by the peritonæum to the os pubis, different from other animals : it is alfo connected with the parts of generation by the urethra, with the navel by the urachus and umbilical arteries, and, finally, in men with the inteftinum rectum, and in women with the vagina. The blood veffels of the bladder come from the hypogastric, the umbilical, and the hæmorrhoidal veffels in men; and in women from the fpermatics alfo. Its nerves are from the intercoftals, and principally from those of the os facrum. The bladder has three foramina; two where the ureters enter in, at which the urine paffes into the bladder; and one, much larger than these, in the neck, for the discharge of the urine into the urethra. The nervous or inner coat of the bladder is exceedingly fenfible, as is miferably experienced in the ftone and gravel.

Q. What are the arteries of the abdomen? A. The arteries of the abdomen are various, and proceed from the aorta, already defcribed. They take their names from the parts they are bestowed on, viz: arteriæ diaphragmaticæ vel phrenicæ, arteria cæliaca, ventriculi coronaria, hepatica, pylorica, gastrica, intestinalis, cysticæ umbilaria, splenica, pancreaticæ, mesentericæ, hæmorrhoidalis, hæmorrhoidalis, renales, capfulares, fpermaticæ, lumbares, facræ, iliacæ, hypogaftrica, umbilicalis, glutæa, fciatica, punicæ, and obturatrix.

Q. Which are the arteriæ diaphragmaticæ vel phrenicæ?

A. The arteriæ diaphragmaticæ, called alfo phrenicæ, arife from the aorta in two branches, as it paffes under the diaphragm, which are ramified on the diaphragm, fometimes it arifes from the cæliaca, and fometimes a trunk from each. They give fmall branches to the glandulæ renales, and membrana adipofa of the kidnies, the latter being called arteriæ adipofæ. Smaller diaphragmatic arteries come from the intercostals, mammariæ internæ, mediastinæ, pericardiæ, and cæliaca.

Q. Which is the arteria cæliaca?

A- The arteria cæliaca arifes from the aorta defcendens, immediately below the diaphragm, and is foon after branched out to the liver, pancreas, fpleen, ftomach, omentum, and duodenum, which branches are named from the parts they are beftowed on, except the ventriculi coronaria beftowed upon the ftomach, and the branch upon the duodenum, named inteftinalis.

Q. Which is the arteria ventriculi coronaria?

A. The arteria ventriculi coronaria, arifes from the cæliaca, and is ramified on every part of the ftomach, and fends off fmall branches to part of the liver, neighbouring parts of the diaphragm, and omentum.

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A. The hepatica arifes alfo from the cæliaca, and goes to the pylorus with the vena portæ, fending off the pylorica and gaftrica dextra, and is then ramified with the vena portæ through all the liver.

Q. Which is the arteria pylorica?

A. The pylorica arifes from the hepatica, and is ramified on the pylorus and neighbouring parts of the ftomach.

Q. Which is the arteria gastrica dextra?

A. The gaftrica dextra arifes alfo from the hepatica, and paffing behind and beyond the pylorus, fends off the duodenalis vel inteftinalis, when it does not come from the hepatica; after this it runs along the right fide of the great curvature of the ftomach, and fends off branches to all the neighbouring parts on both fides, which communicate with those of the pylorica, coronaria ventriculi, and gaftro-epiploicæ dextra, the latter furnishing the nearest parts of the omentum, and communicating with the mesenterica fuperior, at last the right gastric ends in the left, which is a branch of the fplenica?

Q. Which is the duodenalis vel inteffinalis?

A. The duodenal or inteftinal artery runs along the duodenum on the fide next the pancreas; to both of which it fends branches, and alfo to the neighbouring part of the ftomach.

Q. Which is the cyfticæ and bilaria?

A. The hepatic artery having fent out the pylorica and gastrica dextra, gives two branches to the vesicula fellis, called arteria cysticæ, and another named biliaria, which is lost in the great lobe of the liver. Afterwards, the hepatic

patic artery is ramified with the vena portæ through all the fubstance of the liver.

Q. Which is the arteria fplenica?

A. The fplenica arifes clofe by the hepatica, the hepatic branch going to the right, and the fplenic to the left; immediately after its origin from the cæliaca it runs toward the left under the ftomach and pancreas to the fpleen.

Q. Which are the pancreaticæ?

A. The arteriæ pancreaticæ are branches of the fplenica ramified on the pancreas.

Q. Which is the arteria gastrica finistra?

A. Under the left portion of the ftomach it gives off a branch called gastrica finistra, to the left fide of the ftomach, which communicates with those of the coronaria ventriculi. This gastric artery alfo fupplies the omentum with branches, termed gastro-epiploicæ sinistræ, which communicate with the right gastric. By this account it appears that the coronaria ventriculi, pylorica, inteftinalis, gastrica, gastro-epiploicæ, and confequently the hepatica, fplenica, and mefenterica, communicate all together. After this, before the fplenica arrives at the fpleen, it gives two or three branches to the large extremity of the ftomach, commonly called vafa brevia; and one to the omentum, named epiploica.

Q. Which is the mefenterica fuperior ?

A. The arteria mefenterica fuperior arifes anteriorly juft below the cæliaca, and gives off branches to part of the pancreas and duodenum, communicating with the inteftinalis; then Q_4 going going between the laminæ of the mefentery, and the duodenum and meferaic veins, it diftributes a number of branches to the fmall inteftines, from the lower third part of the duodenum, to the cæcum and colon. As they approach the inteftines, all thefe branches communicate first by reciprocal arches; then by areolæ and the messes of all kinds of figures, from which is detached an infinite number of simall ramifications, which furround the intestinal canal like an annular piece of net-work.

Q. Which is the mefenterica inferior?

A. The mefenterica inferior arifes anteriorly from the aorta defcendens inferior, about an inch above the bifurcation, and below the fpermatic arteries; foon after it fends branches to the colon and rectum, communicating with one another; it also fends off a branch called hæmorrhoidalis interna.

Q. How is the hæmorrhoidalis interna diftributed ?

A. The hæmorrhoidalis interna runs down behind the inteftinum rectum, to which it is diftributed by feveral ramifications, and communicates with the arteriæ hypogaftricæ,

Q. Which are the arteriæ renales?

A. The renal arteries, commonly called emulgents, are commonly two in number, and go out laterally from the inferior defcending aorta, immediately under the mefenterica fuperior, one to the right hand, the other to the left. They enter into the depressions of the kidnies by feveral branches, and are ramified through all the fubstance of the kidnies. Sometimes the the renal arteries fend branches to the glandulæ renales, membrana adipofa of the kidnies, and even to the diaphragm.

Q. What are the arteriæ capfulares?

A. The arteriæ capfulares are the arteries of the renal glands, which arife fometimes from the aorta, fometimes from the trunk of the cæliaca; but generally the right comes from the arteria renalis of the fame fide, near the origin, the left from the aorta above the renalis.

Q. Which are the arteriæ spermaticæ?

A. The arteriæ spermaticæ are commonly two in number, fometimes more; they are very fmall, and go out anteriorly from the aorta defcendens inferior, near each other, about an inch below the renales, between the two mefentericæ, or between the renales and mefentericæ inferiores. They fend off finall branches to the common membrane of the kidnies, named adipofæ; and afterwards they run down upon the ploas muscles, on the forefide of the ureters, between the two laminæ of the peritonæum. They give feveral confiderable branches to the peritonæum, chiefly to those parts of it which are next the mefentery, and they communicate both with the mefentericæ and adipofæ. They likewife fend small arteries to the ureters. Afterwards, they pass in men through the tendinous openings of the rings of the abdominal mufcles in the vagina of the peritonæum, (termed proceffus vaginalis) and are diffributed to the tefticles and epididymes, where they communicate with a branch of the iliaca externa. In women they do not go out of the abdomen, but are diffributed diffributed to the ovaria and uterus, and communicate with branches of the hypogastrica, at the jagged extremities of the tubæ Fallopianæ.

Q. Which are the lumbar arteries?

A. The arteriæ lumbares, or lumbar arteries, go out posteriorly from the inferior descending aorta, in five or fix pairs, or more, much in the fame manner with the intercostals. The fuperior fend fmall branches to the neighbouring parts of the diaphragm and intercostal muscles. They are stiftributed on each fide to the ploas muscle, quadrati lumborum, and to the oblique and transverse muscles of the abdomen; and by perforating the oblique muscles they become external hypogastric arteries. They go likewife to the vertebral muscles and bodies of the vertebræ; and enter the spinal canal through the lateral notches, forming rings much in the fame manner with the intercostals; and they likewife give fmall twigs to the nerves.

Q. Which are the arteriæ facræ?

• A. The arteriæ facræ are generally two, three, or four in number, and fometimes but one. They go out commonly from the back part of the inferior defcending aorta at the bifurcation, but fometimes from the lumbares, and fometimes from the iliacæ. Thefe arteries are ramified on the os facrum, and neighbouring parts of the peritonæum, inteftinum rectum, fat, &c. They likewife fend fmall arteries to the nerves which go through the holes of the os facrum, and they penetrate the inner fubftance of that bone.

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Q. Which are the arteriæ iliacæ?

A. The arteriæ iliacæ are thole two large lateral branches arifing at the bifurcation, where the aorta defcendens inferior ends at the laft vertebra of the loins, and fometimes higher. They run obliquely toward the anterior and lower part of the offa ilium, fending off a few very fmall arteries to the os facrum, neighbouring mufcles, &c. likewife fmall arteries to the peritonæum, coats of the veins, fat and ureters, behi d which the iliac trunks pafs about three fingers breadth from their origin; each iliac trunk is divided into two fecondary arteries, one external, the other internal; the former has no particular name, but the latter is termed hypogaftrica.

Q. How is the external iliac diffributed?

A. The external iliac on each fide runs down on the iliac muscle to the ligamentum Fallopii, under which it goes out of the abdomen, and as it paffes under this ligament, it detaches two confiderable branches, one internal the other external. The internal branch is named epigaftrica, and goes out anteriorly from the external iliac; from thence it runs obliquely upward on the tendon of the transverse muscles, and to the posterior and inner part of the rectus muscle, fending ramifications to the tendons of the neighbouring muscles, &c. and afterwards communicating with the mammaria interna and intercostalis inferior. It sometimes gives out a branch accompanied by a nerve to the triceps, muscles, &c. through the foramen ovale. And another branch which runs down to the tefticles along

along with the fpermatic artery, and there communicates with it. The outfide branch of the external iliac divides in two at the internal labium of the os ilium, where it divides into two, and is ramified on the oblique and tranfverfe mufcles of the abdomen, communicating with the arteria lumbares. Befides thefe, a fmall twig goes off internally to the vagina of the fpermatic rope, and fometimes another from the outfide to the os ilium.

Q. How is the hypogastric or internal iliac artery distributed ?

A. The hypogaftric or internal iliac, having run about an inch and a half inward and backward, bends by degrees, and ends in the umbilical artery, which ought to be looked upon as a true continuation of the trunk of the hypogaftric.

Q. How is the arteria umbilicalis distributed?

A. The umbilical artery (as above) afcends on the fide of the bladder, and being ramified on that vifcus, and the neighbouring parts of the peritonæum, &c. it contracts, and in adults is quite clofed up above the middle of the bladder: it likewife gives branches to the uterus, and to the neighbouring parts in both fexes. Afterwards it afcends in form of a ligament to the umbilicus, its name being taken from its ufe in the foetus.

Q. Which is the arteria iliaca minor.

A. The iliaca minor arifes from the convex fide of the curvature of the hypogaftrica, and is the most posterior branch: it passes between the

the two lumbar nerves, and divides into two; one branch goes to the canal of the os facrum, the other to the iliac muscle, and infide of the os ilium, giving twigs as it passes to the ploas muscle.

Q. Which is the arteria glutæa?

A. The glutæa arifes allo from the convex fide of the curvature of the hypogaftric, is commonly very confiderable, and fometimes the largeft of all the hypogaftric branches: this artery goes out of the pelvis in company with the fciatic nerve, through the upper part of the great finus of the os innominatum, and is diftributed to the glutæus maximus and medius. In its paffage it gives branches to the os facrum, os coccygis, mufculus pyramidalis, mufcles of the anus, and to the neighbouring parts of the inteftinum rectum, (forming a particular hæmorrhoidalis interna) and to the bladder and parts near it, and a pretty long branch runs down with the fciatic nerve.

Q. Which is the arteria fciatica?

A. The arteria fciatica arifes near the glutæa, and gives branches to the mufculus pyramidalis, quadragemini, os facrum, fciatic nerve, os ilium, os ifchium, mufculi glutæi, and a branch runs under the quadratus to the articulation of the os femoris.

Q. Which is the arteria pudica?

A. The pudica arifes also from the convex fide of the curvature of the hypogastric; and the first principal branch called commonly pudica interna, gives out two branches, the first goes goes through the great finus of the os ilium with the glutæa and fciatica, and then divides into two, one branch goes behind the fpine of the ifchium all the way to the origin of the corpus cavernofum penis.

There it divides into feveral arteries; one goes to the sphincter ani, named hæmorrhoidalis externa : the reft are diftributed to the neighbouring integuments, to the bulb of the urethra, and to the corpus cavernofum penis. The lecond principal branch, commonly called pudica externa, runs between the bladder and inteftinum rectum, and in men is diffributed to the veficulæ feminales, neck of the bladder, proftata, and neighbouring part of the rectum; it then runs under the os pubis on the fide of a confiderable vein; and along the penis between this vein and a nerve, being diffributed in its paffage to the corpus cavernofum. Sometimes the pudica externa goes off separately from the hypogastrica, especially in women, being distributed to the uterus, (where it communicates with the fpermatic artery) and to the neighbouring parts of the vagina, &c.

Q. Which is the arteria obturatrix ?

A. The arteria obturatrix perforates the obturator mufcles, from whence its name; it goes out of the pelvis at the upper part of the ligament of the foramen ovale, having first fent a small branch to the inguinal glands and integuments. In its passage it supplies the pectineus and triceps muscles, communicates with the fciatica; which goes to the articulation of the os

os femoris, and gives small arteries to the holes in the neck of that bone.

Q. What are the veins of the abdomen?

A. The veins of the abdomen are numerous, and all proceed from the vena cava (the vena porta excepted) and chiefly from the vena cava inferior, which trunk, having run down about a quarter of an inch from the right auricle of the heart, within the pericardium (as I have already observed) pierces that membrane, and the tendinous portion of the diaphragm, which adheres very closely to each other; at this place it gives off the venæ diaphragmaticæ or phrenicæ. In defcribing the veins, I shall begin by the great trunks, and end by the ramifications, in the method I have before obferved. The veins of the abdomen are, venæ diaghragmaticæ or phrenicæ, hepaticæ, cyfticæ gemellæ, pylorica, gastrica dextra, coronaria ventriculi, duodenalis vel inteftinalis, mefaraica, epiploica dextra, cæcalis, hæmorrhoidalis interna, splenica, pancreaticæ, gastrica sinistra, gastro epiploica and epiploica finistra, vasa brevia, venæ renales, capfulares et adipoiæ, spermaticæ lumbares, bifurcatio ex vena cava, vena facra, venæ iliacæ, vena iliaca externa, epigastrica, hypogaftrica vel iliaca interna, obturatrix, venæ hæmorrhoidales externæ.

Q. Which are the venæ diaphragmaticæ vel phrenicæ?

A. The venæ diaphragmaticæ, or phrenicæ, arife from the vena cava inferior, where they pierce the midriff, are diftributed to the diaphragm, and partly to the pericardium; and fometimes fometimes they fend branches to the capfulæ renales much in the fame manner as the arteriæ phrenicæ.

Q. Which are the venæ hepaticæ?

A. The vena portæ is a large vein, the trunk is fituated chiefly between the eminences on the lower or concave fide of the liver. It may be confidered as made up of two large veins joined almost endways by their trunks, from each of which the branches go to the right and left; but first of all the trunk fends off the venæ cyfticæ gemellæ, gastrica dextra, pylorica, ventriculi coronaria, duodenalis or inteftinalis. The first portion of this trunk, known by the name of vena portæ, I have already spoken of. The other portion is the hepaticæ.

Q. Which are the venæ cyfticæ gemellæ?

A. The cyfficæ gemellæ run along the veficula fellis from its neck to the bottom; they arife from the right fide of the great trunk near its beginning.

Q. Which is the vena pylorica? A. The pylorica arifes from the great trunk, almost opposite to the origin of the cystica; but fometimes it is only a branch of the right gastrica : it supplies the stomach and omentum, and communicates with the gastrica, coronaria ventriculi, &c.

Q. Which is the vena coronaria ventriculi?

A. The coronaria ventriculi, fo called becaufe it furrounds more or lefs the upper orifice of the ftomach; and in its paffage forms numerous areolæ on the fide of the ftomach; 11

it communicates with the pylorica and the veins of the great arch.

Q. Which is the vena duodenalis?

A. The duodenalis vel inteftinalis, goes out from the great trunk near the cyfticæ gemellæ. It is diftributed chiefly to the inteftinum duodenum, but fends fome branches to the pancreas.

Q. Which is the vena mefaraica?

A. The mefaraica arifes from the trunk of the portæ near the pancreas, and turns to the right hand; it accompanies the fuperior mefenteric artery and mefocolon which belong to the fmall inteftines, the cæcum, and right portion of the colon. One branch of the mefaraica runs directly to the middle of the colon, where it is arched to the right and left; another branch divides in two, and fupplies the head of the pancreas and the neighbouring parts, and is arched on the right portion and upper part of the colon. See vena epiploica.

Q. Which is the vena epiploica dextra?

A. The trunk of the mefaraic fends out fometimes a particular branch to the omentum, called epiploica dextra: but the mefaraic almost immediately before it afcends over the mefenteric artery, fends two large branches to the jejunum and part of the ilium, which form arches and areolæ on those intestines, like those of the artery, and fends out branches almost in the fame manner.

Q. Which is the vena cæcalis?

A. This branch is the mefaraic vein, called by Riolan cæcalis, arifes a little below the ori-

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gin of the fecond branch from the convex fide, and fupplies the cæcum, appendicula vermiformis, and beginning of the colon.

Q. Which is the vena hæmorrhoidalis interna?

A. The hæmorrhoidalis interna arifes from the beginning of the mefaraica, fometimes from the fplenica, and fometimes between both at the bifurcation: and is thus named from the hæmorrhoidal tumours found often at its extremity next the anus. It goes to the duodenum, colon, and on the rectum, all the way to the anus; and in its courfe fupplies the mefocolon, and forms arches which fend out numerous fmall ramifications round thefe inteftines. It feems likewife to communicate, by fome capillary twigs, with the left fpermatic vein.

Q. Which is the vena fplenica?

A. The fplenic vein is one of the great branches of the portæ, and turns to the left hand, where the meferaiac does to the right; it runs transverely from right to left, just under the duodenum, and along the lower fide of the pancreas, and in its course gives off the vena pancreaticæ, gastrica finistra, or gastro epiploica finistra, and epiploica finistra. It terminates afterwards by a winding course, being divided into several branches that go to the spleen, one of which produces the stall veins, called by the ancients vasa brevia; and at last the vena splenica reaches the fissure of the spleen, which it enters, and supplies almost in the same manner as the splenic artery.

Q. Which are the venæ pancreaticæ?

A. The venæ pancreaticæ are feveral fmall branches fent by the fplenica to the pancreas; but there are other fmall pancreatic veins, which do not arife from the fplenica, which I have already fpoken of.

Q. Which is the gastrica finistra, or gastroepiploica finistra?

A. This is alfo a branch of the fplenic vein arifing at the left extremity of the pancreas, from whence it runs to the great extremity of the ftomach, to which it gives feveral branches, and communicates with the gaftrica dextra, and coronaria ventriculi : at a fmall diftance from its origin, this gaftric vein fends out a branch which is diftributed to the omentum, from whence the name of gaftro-epiploica.

Q. Which is the vena gastro-epiploica, and epiploica finistra?

A. The vena epiploica finiftra is alfo a branch of the fplenic, and arifes at the fmall extremity of the pancreas, and is ramified on the omentum all the way to the colon, where it communicates with the hæmorrhoidalis interna.

Q. Which are the vafa brevia?

A. From the posterior of the branches of the fplenic vein, the veins are fent off to the great extremity of the stomach, formerly known by the name of vafa brevia; which communicate with the coronaria ventriculi, and gastrica finistra.

Q. Which are the venæ renales?

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A. The vena cava inferior having got as low as the arteriæ renales, gives off the veins of the fame name, (termed formerly venæ emulgentes) and which are the largest of all the veins that go from the cava inferior, from the liver to the bifurcation. They accompany the renal arteries, and are ramified in the fubstance of the kidnies.

Q. Which are the venæ capfulares?

A. The venæ capfulares et adiposæ arise from the venæ renales; the former goes upward to the glandulæ renales, the latter down to the fatty covering of the kidnies.

Q. Which are the venæ spermaticæ?

A. The right vena spermatica comes from the trunk of the cava inferior, a little below the venæ renales. The left comes commonly, though - not always, from the left renalis; both veins accompany the fpermatic arteries. In their paffage fmall branches are fent off to the peritonæum and mefentery, and fometimes a branch to the iliac mufcle and membrana adipofa of the kidnies.

Q. Which are the venæ lumbares ? A. The venæ lumbares arife posteriorly from the vena cava inferior most commonly in pairs, in the fame manner as the arteriæ lumbares, but their origin often vary. They all communicate with one another, and fometimes with the intercostals. They supply the substance of the bodies of the vertebræ, mufcles of the abdomen, quadratus lumborum, psoas, iliacus, &c. they fend branches also backwards to the neighbouring vertebral mufcles, and to the canal of the -

the fpine, and communicate with the venal finufes in the fame manner as the intercoftals.

Q. Where is the bifurcation of the vena cava fituated ?

A. The venæ cava inferior, having reached as low as the laft vertebra of the loins, and near the bifurcation of the aorta, runs in behind the iliac artery, and is there divided into two fubaltern trunks, called the right and left iliac veins, which lie on the infide of the iliac arteries, which form the bifurcation of the vena cava.

Q. Which is the vena facra?

A. The vena facra goes out from the bifurcation of the vena cava, and often from the origin of the left iliaca, and accompanies the arteria facra to the os facrum, to the nerves which lie there, and to the membranes which cover both fides of that bone.

Q. Which are the venæ iliacæ?

A. The iliac veins arife from the bifurcation of the cava, as before mentioned, each original iliac vein is divided on the fide of the os facrum much in the fame manner as the arteries, into two large trunks or fecondary iliac veins. This fecond bifurcation is about a finger's breadth below that of the iliac arteries. One of thefe trunks is named vena iliaca externa, or anterior, the other interna, or posterior. The external vein is likewife named fimply iliaca, and the internal, hypogastrica. These veins follow nearly the courfe and diffribution of the iliac arteries, only the hypogastric does not fend off the vena umbilicalis. Near this fecond bifurcation.

cation, a particular branch goes out to the mufculus pfoas, iliacus, and quadratus lumborum, and a branch of it to the transferse apophysis of the loins.

Q. Which is the vena iliaca externa?

A. The iliaca externa, a little before it leaves the abdomen, near the ligamentum Fallopii, lying on the pfoas and iliac mufcles, gives of the fame branches as the external iliac artery, and follows the fame courfe. See vena epigaftrica.

Q. Which is the vena epigastrica?

A. The epigaftrica arifes from the infide of the iliaca externa, before it leaves the abdomen, and is ramified on the neighbouring conglobate glands and abdominal mufcles, communicating with the ramifications of the mammaria which accompanies the epigaftric artery. From the infide of this vein a branch is fometimes detached to the mufculus obturator internus, where it joins another branch named vena obturatrix.

Q. Which is the vena hypogastrica?

A. The vena hypogaftrica, or internal iliac vein, runs behind the artery of the fame name, making the fame kind of arch, from which branches go out to the cavity of the os facrum, through the first and fecond great hole of the os facrum to the neighbouring muscles. A large branch runs behind the great fciatic finus to the musculi glutæi pyramidalis and gemelli, Another branch reaching the foramen ovale of the os innominatum, perforates the obturator muscles,

muscles, from whence it is called vena obturatrix.

Q. How is the vena obturatrix diffributed ?

A. The vena obturatrix is diffributed to the musculus pectinæus, triceps, and neighbouring parts, communicating with the cruralis. One branch of the obturatrix, before it perforates the mufcles, runs towards the fciatic finus to the iliac mufcle os ilium and part of the obturator internus, another branch is distributed to the ureters, bladder, and internal parts of generation in both fexes. It communicates with the fpermatic veins, and is more confiderable in women than in men. Laftly, the hypogaftric vein runs backward, and as it goes out of the pelvis it is ramified both upward and downward: it fends a large branch upward to the lower part of the os facrum, and two more downward, which going out of the pelvis are distributed to the buttock, anus, part of the musculus pectinæus, and to the external parts of generation, nearly in the fame manner with the artery which accompanies them.

Q. Which are the venæ hæmorrhoidales externa?

A. The veins that go to the anus are termed hæmorrhoidales externæ, and they that go to the parts of generation, pudicæ internæ. The external hæmorrhoidales communicate with the internal veins of the fame name.

Q. How are the nerves of the abdomen diffributed?

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A. The five pair of lumbar nerves also communicate, and give posterior branches; the first pair fends feveral branches to the abdominal muscles, ploas, and iliacus, while others go from it to the teguments and muscles on the fuperior and anterior part of the thigh, and the main trunk of it is loft in the crural. The fecond pair paffes through the ploas muscle, and is diffributed much as the former. The third is loft in the musculus pectineus. Branches proceeding from these three pair make up one trunk, which supplies the anterior part of the pelvis, and going through the foramen magnum offis ifchii, is fpent on the triceps muscle. This nerve is commonly known by the name of obturator, or posterior crural nerve. By the union of branches, from the first, second, third, and fourth lumbar nerves, the anterior crural nerve is formed. The remainder of the fourth and fifth lumbar nerves join with the first, fecond, and third, that proceed from the os facrum (which are five or fix pair). These two last of the lumbar and three first of the facrum, when united, conftitute the largeft nerve in the body, fo well known by the name of the fciatic or ischiatic nerve. The other nerves that come out of the os facrum, are fent to the organs of generation and adjacent parts,

Q. What glands are there in the abdomen ?

A. In the abdomen there are a very confiderable number of glands; the largeft of them is the pancreas; after this, in fize come the glandulæ renales; then the mefaraics; and the inteftinals (of Brunner and Peyer) in the inteftines,

teftines; all which I have already fpoken of: the glands of the ftomach are fo fmall as not eafy to be found. Near the receptaculum chyli, and above the os facrum, and the divisions of the iliac veffels, are many glands of various fizes and figures, called lumbares, facræ, iliacæ, &c. and they have numerous lymphatics entering into them, and difcharging their contents into the receptaculum chyli. The lumbar glands have been fometimes found fwelled to the bignefs of a man's fift. In the concave part of the liver, about the ingress of the vena portæ and the neck of the gall-bladder, as alfo about the fpleen, near the ingress of the veffels, there are frequently found conglobate glands, of about the bigness of a kidney bean : these are called by authors, hepatic glands, cyftic glands, or have other names derived from the adjacent parts; and they feem to ferve the lymphatic veffels. About the left orifice of the ftomach, there fometimes alfo is found, according to Vercellonius, a gland which he fays is equal to a kidney-bean in fize; he alfo fays, that it has ducts opening into the cavity of the ftomach; in the gall-bladder there are fometimes found a number of finall glands of a yellow colour, not unlike the ceruminose glands in the auditory paffage. The bladder and the ureters have also fometimes a number of fmall glands, but they are very indeterminate in number and fize, and are not always indeed found in the fame place, efpecially about the ureters. Those about the bladder are usually fituated towards the

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the neck of it, and are fometimes tolerably confpicuous. The glands in the parts of generation of both fexes, I shall defcribe hereafter with those parts.

DIALOGUE V.

Of the ARM and its PARTS.

Q. WHAT are the parts of the arm? A. The arm comprehends the whole limb or member from the top of the fhoulder to the finger's ends; to which you may add the clavicle and fcapula, with the mufcles thereto belonging. The arm includes the whole member, but the fore-arm is from the elbow to the wrift only, the upper part of the arm, which joins with the fcapula or fhoulderblade and clavicle, is termed humerus, which extends to the bend of the arm, the backfide of which is called the elbow or olecranon, and the forefide or flexure, ancon; from thence toward the hand is called the fore-arm or cubitus; the end of which toward the hand is the wrift or carpus; between the carpus and the fingers is the metacarpus, to which is articulated, pollex, the thumb; index, the fore-finger; digitus medius, the middle finger; digitus annularis, the ring finger; and digitus minimus, the little finger.

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Q. What are the bones of the arm?

A. The bones of the arm, including the fcapula, clavicle, hand and fingers, are thirty-two (befides the fefamoidal bones, whofe number is uncertain) viz, fcapula, clavicula, humerus, ulna, radius, each one; carpus, eight; metacarpus, four; phalanges of the fingers and thumb, fifteen; as may be feen at one view in the table of ofteology.

Q. Which is the clavicula?

A. The clavicula is fituated transverfely on each fide, between the fcapula and fternum; its figure is fomewhat like that of the letter S, and it is of a fpongy and brittle fubstance. One end is connected to the fternum with a loofe cartilage, and the other to the proceffus acromion of the scapula. The uses of the clavicles are, to keep the scapulæ at a fufficient distance from the breaft, by which means the shoulders are hindered from coming near together, as they do in those quadrupeds which use their four limbs only to walk on, and not as men do their hands; to facilitate feveral of the motions of the arm; to ferve for the place of origin for feveral muscles; and to defend the great subclavian veffels which run under them.

Q. Which is the fcapula?

A. The fcapula, or fhoulder-blade, is a triangular bone, fituated on the back and outfide of the ribs, and commonly extended from the fecond to the feventh. It is fixed to the fternum by the clavicula, to the ribs and fpine by the mufcles of those parts; its outfide is a little convex, and its infide fomewhat concave, to

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fit it to the outer furface of the ribs on which it moves, and partly to give room for the fubicapularis muscle. The scapula has three proceffes, the first runs all along the middle of their outfide, and is called their fpine; that end of the spine which receives the extremity of the clavicula is called the proceffus acromion. The fecond proceffus is a little lower than the acromion; it is fhort and fharp like a crow's bill, whence it is called coracoides; thefe two proceffes are tied to each other by a ftrong flat ligament, which ferves to keep the head of the humerus in the cavity of the third process, and prevents its being diflocated upwards. It has a round finus tipt about its brim with a cartilage, which receives the head of the humerus; at the fore-part of this edge, close to the coracoid procefs, is a femi-circular nitch for the paffage of blood veffels, which nitch is joined at the top with a ligament, and fometimes with a bone. The use of the scapula is to receive the extremities of the clavicula and humerus, for the eafier motion of the arm, and to give rife to the mufcles which move the arm. The bafe acromion, coracoid procefs, and head of the fcapula, are all in a cartilaginous ftate at birth; and the three first are joined as epiphyses; while the head, with the glenoid cavity, is not formed into a diffinct separate bone, but is gradually produced by the offification of the body of this bone being continued forwards.

Q. Which is the os humeri?

A. The os humeri is the large bone of the arm, fituated between the shoulder and the cubit,

bit, articulated at one end with the fcapula, and at the other with the ulna and radius. Its upper end or head, where it is joined to the fcapula, is fomewhat flat, and much larger than the focket which receives it. At the upper part are two proceffes for the infertions of the muscles of the arms : between these processes is a long channel or groove, in which lies a tendon of the biceps cubiti. At the lower end are two confiderable processes, both formed to give origins to mufcles of the wrift and fingers; between these processes is the joint. That part to which the upper end of the radius is fixed, is fitted not only for the motion of the elbow, but also for the rotatory motion of the radius; the reft of this joint is made up of portions of unequal, but concentric circles, like the fhanks of quadrupeds; which inequality prevents the ulna from diflocating fideways, which fo fmall a joint with fo much motion would be very fubject to. Of a like use is the little finus on the fore part of the humerus, and the large one behind; the first of which receives a process of the ulna when the arm is bent, and the other the olecranon, when the arm is extended. The os humeri has evidently the most free and extensive motion of any bone in the human body. Both the ends of this bone are cartilaginous in a newborn infant, and the large head with the two tubercles, and the trochlea with the two condyles, become epiphyfes before they are united to the body of the bone.

Q. Which is the ulna?

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A. The ulna is one of the bones of the fore arm or cubit; reaching from the elbow to the wrift; it is big at its upper extremity, and grows gradually fmaller towards its lower end. This bone is longer than the radius, and has a motion of flexion and extension : at its upper extremity it articulates with the os humeri and the crifta of the radius, and its lower extremity articulates with the carpus, as alfo with the radius by means of a crifta. At the upper end it has one large process or apophysis called olecranon, and a fmall process on the fore part, and on one fide between there is alfo a fmail cavity, which receives the upper end of the radius for its rotatory motion; and down the fide of this bone, next the radius, is a sharp edge, from which the ligament arifes which connects these bones together. At the lower end is a process called styliformis, and a round head which is received into the radius for the rotatory motion of the cubit.

Q. Which is the radius ?

A. The radius is the exterior bone of the cubitus or fore arm, accompanying the ulna from the elbow to the wrift. In its upper extremity there is a glenoide cavity for its articulation with the humerus, which chiefly fits it for its rotatory. motion, being alfo received into the ulna; for the ftrength of the elbow-joint receives but little advantage from the union of thefe two bones. A little below this head is a large tubercle, into which the biceps muscle is inferted, which by the advantage of this infertion turns the cubit fupine, as well as bends it. At the lower end, which

which is thicker, is a focket to receive the carpus, and at the fide next the ulna a fmall one to receive that bone, and a thin edge, into which the transfer ligament, which arises from the ulna is inferted: this ligament ties these bones conveniently and firmly together; for the ulna being chiefly articulated to the os humeri, and the radius to the carpus, a weight at the hand without this ligament, would be liable to pull these bones afunder.

Q. What is the carpus?

A. The carpus or wrift, confifts of eight fmall unequal, and irregular bones, divided into two rows, each row confifts of four bones; in the first, are the os scaphoides or naviculare, lunare, cuneiforme, and orbiculare; in the fecond, are the os trapezium, trapezoides, magnum and unciforme. The scaphoides is situated next the bones of the fore-arm, more particularly under the radius, on that fide where the thumb is placed; the lunare is immediately on the outfide of the scaphoides; the cuneiforme is placed still more externally, but not fo high up as the other two; the orbiculare ftands forwards from the cuneiforme; the trapezium is - the first of the second row, which is nearer to the hand, it is fituated between the fcaphoides ' and the first joint of the thumb; the trapezoides is immediately on the outfide of the trapezium; the os magnum is still more external; and the unciforme is farther to the fide of the little finger. They have all obscure motions one with another, and with those of the second is more confiderable, and they are moved by the fame mufcles

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muscles which move the carpus on the radius. These bones are all larger behind than before; the ligaments which unite them to one another, and two other adjacent bones, are fo accurately applied to them, that at the first view the whole carpus of a recent subject appears on the smooth bone.

As the furfaces of these bones are largest behind, the figure of the whole conjoined muft be convex there, and concave before; which concavity is still more increased by the os orbiculare, and process of the os unciforme, standing forwards on one fide, as the trapezium does on the other: and the bones are fecurely kept in this form by the broad ftrong transverse ligament, connected to those parts of them that ftand prominent into the palm of the hand. The convexity behind renders the whole fabric ftronger, where it is most exposed to injuries; and the large anterior hollow is neceffary for a fafe postage to the numerous vessels, nerves, and tendons of the fingers.

The fubftance of these bones is spongy and cellular, but strong in respect to their bulk.

All the bones of the carpus are in a cartilaginous state at the time of birth.

On account of the many tendons that pass upon the lower end of the fore arm, and the carpus, and of the numerous ligaments of these tendons and of the bones, which have lubricating liquors fupplied to them, the pain of fprains here is acute, the parts require a long time to recover their tone, and their fwellings are very obstinate.

Q. What is the metacarpus?

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A. The metacarpus is that part of the hand between the wrift and the fingers; the inner part is called the palm, and the other the back of the hand. The metacarpus confifts of four bones, which answer to the four fingers, whereof that which fuftains the fore finger is the biggeft and longeft, but has the leaft motion, and that of the little finger the most. They are all round and long, a little convex towards the back of the hand, and concave and plain towards the palm. They are hollow in the middle, and full of marrow; they touch one another only at their extremities, having fpaces in the middle in which lie the musculi interoffei. In the upper end of these bones there is a finus which receives the bones of the wrift; the other ends have round heads, which are received into the finus of the first bones of the fingers. At the time of birth these bones are cartilaginous at both ends, which afterwards become epiphyfes.

Q. How are the fingers diffinguished and composed?

A. The fingers are four in number on each hand, exclusive of the thumb, viz. 1. index, the fore-finger; 2. medius, the middle finger; 3. annularis, the ring-finger; 4. minimus vel auricularis, the little finger. In the thumb and fingers are three bones, which make three phalanges, the upper of which (next the metacarpus) are much larger than the lower, next the extremities. These bones, on the infide, are flat and a little hollow or concave, which is neceffary to make room for the flexors of the S fingers,

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fingers, and to render their fhape proper for grafping any thing. The thumb is fhorter and ftronger than any of the fingers, becaufe in its actions it is to refift them all. The firft phalanx, in the part where they are articulated with the bones of the metacarpus at their heads, have a glenoide cavity, by means of which articulation, they have a free motion every way. In the other extremity there are two heads with two cavities joined to the fecond phalanx, where the motions of flexion and extension are all that are poffible; and the fame is the cafe between the fecond phalanx and the third.

Q. What are the cartilages of the arm?

A. The cartilages of the arm, are those of the bones of the shoulder, os humeri, fore-arm, and hand.

Q. What are the cartilages of the bones of the fhoulder?

A. The glenoide cavity of the fcapula, which receives the fuperior head of the os humeri, is covered with a cartilage, which is a little raifed above the edge of the bone. It is of a pliable, flippery fubstance, yet something different from that of a cartilage, refembling in some measure the border of the acetabulum coxendix. The acromion has also a small cartilaginous surface; and the external extremity of the clavicle is crufted over with a cartilage, which is a little convex, and covers its whole triangular furface, besides which it has another moveable common cartilage already spoken of. The small cartilaginous furface of the numeral extremity of the clavicle, answering to that of the acromion, is, like that of the acromion, a little convex. Between

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tween these two cartilages of the clavicle and acromion, there is in some subjects a thin interarticular cartilage, very smooth on both sides.

Q. What are the cartilages of the os humeri?

A. The cartilage by which the hemifphere of the head of the os humeri is covered, is gradually thicker towards the middle than towards the edges. The groove in the os humeri is covered by a cruft, which is partly ligamentary and partly tendinous rather than cartilaginous. The lower head of the os humeri is covered by a common cartilage, and its foffulæ near the head with a thin cartilaginous or ligamentary varnifh.

Q. What are the cartilages of the fore-arm?

A. The two figmoide cavities in the upper extremity of the ulna are covered by a cartilage common to both. The lower head of the ulna is crufted over by a cartilage; the head of the radius is covered in the fame manner. All the concave fide of the bafis of the radius is cartilaginous, and often divided by a fmall cartilaginous prominent line. At the basis of the radius there is likewife a particular additional cartilage, or triangular production longer than it is broad, very thin, and rather flat than concave on both its fmooth fides. This cartilage may be termed the inter-articular cartilage of the joint of the wrift. It is tied to the radius by very fhort ligaments, and fliding on the fmall head of the ulna.

Q. What are the cartilages of the hand ?

A. All the bones of the carpus, metacarpus, and fingers, are crufted over with cartilages at S 2 their their ends for their mutual articulations, which may be termed cartilaginous furfaces, in which the impreffions and notches where the mucilaginous glands are lodged, are very perceptible.

Q. What are the ligaments of the arm?

A. The ligaments of the arm are those of the bones of the shoulder, os humeri, fore-arm, and hand.

Q. What are the ligaments of the shoulder?

A. The articulation of the acromion with the extremity of the clavicle, is ftrengthened quite round by feveral small strong ligaments, which go from one bone to the other. These ligaments lie very near each other, and are withal fo tightly braced over the joint as to hide it altogether, and they appear more like a cartilaginous covering than a ligamentary texture. The internal furface of these ligaments is lined. with the capfula of the joint. When the fmall inter-articular cartilage is found, its whole circumference is connected to these ligaments. The articulation of the clavicle with the fternum is fuftained by feveral ligaments fixed by one end round the pectoral extremity of the clavicle, and by the other to the fternum, as before observed. There is a long, narrow, strong ligament, which goes from one clavicle to the other, behind the furca of the steroum, and may be called the inter-clavicular ligament. The neck of the fcapula, at a small distance from the edge of the glenoide cavity, gives infertion to the capfular ligament or mucilaginous bag, and to the articular ligaments of the joint of the fcapula it cruited over with carcilages a

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scapula and os humeri. Besides the articular ligaments of the scapula, there are three ligamentary cords fixed to the tuberofity of the coracoide apophysis, two are inferted by the other end in the extremity of the clavicle, and the third under the acromion. A thin broad ligament also reaches between the crifta of the spine of the scapula, and the edge of its inferior costa.

Q. What are the ligaments of the os humeri ?

A. The capfular or mucilaginous ligament, loofely furrounds the whole articulation of the fcapula, with the head of the os humeri; from its infertion round the edge of the glenoide cavity, already mentioned, it is continued over the hemisphere of the head of the os humeri, and fixed near its edges towards the mufcular furfaces of the great and fmall tuberofities or proceffes. Afterwards it runs down gradually on the neck of the bone below the loweft part of the cartilaginous hemisphere, and is closely fixed in the bone, except in the groove or channel already mentioned, in which lies the tendon of the biceps cubiti. The true ligament of this joint feems to be made up of two forts of ligaments closely united together, viz. a capfular ligament which furrounds the whole articulation, and feveral true ligaments which run over, and closely adhere to the former at different diftances. On the body of the os humeri there are two long, flat, thin, ftrong, and narrow ligaments, fixed by one edge along the two lower thirds of the bone, reaching to both condyles. The lower extremity of the os humeri is joined to the bones S 3

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of the fore-arm, by two fasciculi of ligamentary fibres, one fixed to the inner condyle, the other to the external. The capfular ligament is fixed to the condyles, and these cover them; and afterwards it is fixed round both fides of this lower extremity above the foffulæ, which foffulæ are only flightly varnished over with a cartilaginous substance.

Q. What are the ligaments of the fore-arm?

A. Some of the ligaments of the bones of the fore-arm are common to them with the os humeri, fome common to them with the bones of the hand, and fome are proper. The two proper are the interoffeous ligament of the forearm, and one which may be termed the coronary ligament of the radius. To these may be added the annular ligaments, which only ferve for the paffage of tendons; and other ligamentary expansions, which may be called muscular ligaments: I shall refer a description of them till I come to fpeak of the muscles. The interoffeous ligament of the fore-arm is very like that of the leg; it ties the ulna and radius closely together, and ferves for the infertion of feyeral muscles. In it are holes for the passage of the blood-veffels. The capfular ligament of the joint of the elbow runs down from its infertion in the os humeri (already mentioned) and is fixed in the olecranon round the edge of the great figmoide cavity; it likewife runs over the head of the radius, and is fixed to the coronary ligament quite round. Thus it completely furrounds the articulation of these three bones, and ferves to contain the mucilaginous liquor

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liquor furnished by the glands and fatty fubstance, both which are found in the greatest quantities near the extremity of the ulna. The true common ligaments by which the os humeri is connected to the bones of the fore-arm, called lateral ligaments, are the two fasciculi, which, after being inferted in the condyles of the os humeri, are expanded like a goofe's foot. Of the ligaments by which the ulna and radius are connected to those of the hand, one is like a roundifh cord, fixed in the ftyloide apophyfis of the ulna, and in the os cuneiforme and bones of the carpus. All thefe ligaments furround and cover the capfular ligament fo clofely, that they can hardly be diftinguished from it. The capfula is likewife in part covered by a portion of a great oblique ligament, which is fixed by a very broad infertion in the large extremity of the radius, and paffing obliquely is inferted into the os orbiculare. It is called the external transverse ligament of the carpus; and may likewife be named the great oblique ligament of the wrift.

Q. What are the ligaments of the hand?

A. The ligaments of the carpus are very numerous. Some of them tie each bone to one or two neighbouring bones in the fame rank, but are fo very fhort as to allow these bones only a small degree of motion. Some of them tie the bones of one row to those of the other, but they are not fo short as the former, and therefore they allow these bones a more manifest motion, as we see in bending the wrist. Laftly, there are other ligaments of the carpus, S 4 by

by which the three first bones of the first row are connected to the bones of the fore-arm ; and to thefe may be added the ligaments by which the bones of the fecond row are joined to those of the metacarpus, and first phalanx of the thumb. The principal ligaments belonging to the articulation of the carpus with the bones of the fore-arm, I have already mentioned, except their infertion in the carpus, which is thus : the styloide ligament of the radius is fixed to the os scaphoides vel naviculare; and the ftyloide ligament of the ulna is fixed first in the os cuneiforme, and then in the os unciforme, from whence it is a little ftretched over the fourth bone of the metacarpus. The ligaments which lie between the two former, go from the radius and ulna to the three first carpal bones, and the mucilaginous capfula, by which these ligaments are lined, are also fixed to these bones. There is likewife a confiderable ligament, called the inner transverse ligament, formerly called an annular ligament.

The bones of the metacarpus, befides the fhort ligaments by which they are tied to the fecond row of the bones of the carpus, have feveral others, by which both their bases and heads are connected together. The bases of the third and fourth bones are not fo closely tied as the reft, and therefore they have a very fenfible motion, which, however, is greater in the fourth than in the third. The heads of these bones are firmly tied to each other by a ftrong transverse ligament, fituated in the palm of the hand, hand, through which the tendons of the flexor mufcles of the fingers have a free paffage. The firft phalanx of the thumb and fingers is fixed by fhort ligaments, that pafs obliquely over the articulation with the metacarpal bones. The fecond phalanx of the thumb is joined to the firft by ligaments of the fame kind. The other phalanges are joined by lateral ligaments almost in the fame manner as the bones of the fore-arm to the os humeri. The two firft phalanges of each finger have very ftrong ligamentary vaginæ inferted in the rough ridges on their flat fides. Thefe vaginæ are lined with a mucilaginous membrane, which runs like a tube from one phalanx to the other, over the articulation.

Q. What are the muscles of the arm?

. A. The muscles of the arm and its parts include those of the clavicle, scapula, and breast, which belong thereto, though fituated on the fuperior part of the trunk; for this reafon I omitted their defcription in defcribing those of the thorax. They are as follows, viz. fubclavius, trapezius, rhomboides, elevator fcapulæ, ferratus major et minor anticus; pectoralis, deltoida, fupra spinatus, infra spinatus, teres minor et major, latissimus dorsi, subscapularis, coraco-brachialis, biceps cubiti flexor, brachiæus internus, supinator radii longus et brevis; triceps extenfor cubiti, anconæus, palmaris longus et brevis, flexor carpi radialis et ulnaris, extensores carpi radiales, extensor ulnaris, pronator quadratus et teres, perforatus, perforans, lumbricales, extensor digitorum communis. minimi digiti, extenfor indicis, abductor primi digiti digiti interoffæi, minimi digiti offis, metacarpi minimi digiti, extenfor primi fecundi et tertii internodii pollicis, flexor primi et fecundi offis pollicis, flexor tertii internodii pollicis, abductor pollicis.

Q. Which is the musculus fubclavius?

A. The mulculus fubclavius is a fmall oblong mulcle lying between the clavicle and firft rib; it arifes from the fuperior part of the firft rib, and is inferted into almost all the middle portion of the under fide of the clavicula. Its use is to draw the clavicula toward the sternum, that it may not be severed in the motions of the fcapula.

Q. Which is the trapezius?

A. The trapezius vel cucullaris, is a mufcle of the fcapula, which arifes from the os occipitis, and from a linea alba vel ligamentum colli, from the fpinal procefs of the laft vertebra of the neck, and the ten uppermoft of the back, and from a linea alba between all thefe proceffes; it is inferted into one third of the clavicle next the fcapula, almost all the back part of the fpine of the fcapula, and as much of the proceffus acromion as lies between the fpine of the fcapula and the clavicle. This mufcle draws the fcapula directly backward.

Q. Which is the rhomboides?

A. The rhomboides is a thin, broad, and obliquely fquare, flefhy mufcle, fituated between the bafis of the fcapula and the fpina dorfi. It arifeth from the fpinal process of the two inferior vertebræ of the neck, and the four superior of the back; and is inferted into the whole

whole basis of the scapula, which it draws up and backward.

Q. Which is the elevator fcapulæ?

A. The elevator fcapulæ is a long and pretty thick mufcle, about two fingers breadth, it arifes from the transverse apophyses of the four first vertebræ of the neck, and running a little obliquely, is inferted into the upper angle of the fcapula for its elevation.

Q. Which is the ferratus major anticus?

A. The ferratus major anticus is a broad, flefhy, and pretty thick mufcle, fituated on the lateral part of the thorax, between the ribs and the fcapula, by which it is covered. It arifes by dentated origins (refembling a faw, from whence the name of ferratus) from the anterior part of the eight fuperior ribs, and is inferted into the bafis of the fcapula, which it draws forward and upward. This mufcle is an elevator of the ribs.

Q. Which is the ferratus minor anticus?

A. The ferratus minor anticus vel pectoralis minor, arifes from the third, fourth, and fifth ribs, continues its courfe under the pectoralis major, and is inferted into the proceffus coracoides fcapulæ, which it pulls forward and downward. This is also an elevator of the ribs.

All the muscles inferted into the basis of the fcapula, are also inferted into one another.

Q. What is the musculus pectoralis?

A. The pectoralis (by fome called pectoralis major) poffeffes almost the whole breast, being a large, thick, fleshy muscle, covering the fore fore part of the breaft, from the fternum, where it is very broad, to the axilla, where it contracts in its paffage to the arm. It arifes from near two-thirds of the clavicula, next the fternum, and all the length of the os pectoris, and from the cartilages of the ribs; and is inferted into the os humeri about four fingers breadth below its head, between the biceps and the infertion of the deltoides. The use of it is to draw the arm forward.

• A fmall portion of the lower part of this muscle is often confounded with the obliquus defcendens abdominis; in fome bodies neither the upper part nor its tendon can be eafily feparated from the deltoides; and in others, even that part of it that arifes from the clavicula is a diffinct portion.

Q. Which is the deltoides?

A. The deltoides is a very thick, triangular muscle, covering the upper part of the arm, and forming what is called the flump of the fhoulder. It is one of the elevators of the arm. It arifes from the clavicula, acromion, and fpine of the fcapula, and is inferted near the middle of the os humeri, which bone it lifts directly upward.

Q. Which is the fupra fpinatus?

A. The fupra spinatus vel super scapularis fuperior, arifes from the dorfum fcapulæ, above the fpine, and paffes between the acromion and neck of the fcapula, and under the ligament between the acromion and proceffus coracoides. It is inferted into the upper part of the os humeri, near its groove, or bony channel. It helps

helps to lift the arm upwards, until it becomes parallel with the fpina fcapulæ.

The fupra fpinatus deltoides and coraco-brachialis, affift in all the motions of the humerus, except depreffion; it being neceffary that the arm fhould be raifed and fuftained, in order to move it to any fide.

Q. Which is the infra fpinatus?

A. The infra fpinatus vel fuper fcapularis inferior, arifes from the dorfum fcapulæ below the fpine, and is inferted, wrapping over part of it, at the fide of the head of the os humeri; it turns the arm fupine and backward.

Q. Which is the teres minor?

A. The teres minor is an abductor muscle, as well as the infra fpinatus, below which it has its origin from the inferior costa of the scapula, and is inferted together with the infra spinatus, which it affists in turning the arm supine, but pulls it more downwards.

Q. Which is the teres major?

A. The teres major is a depreffor mufcle, which has its origin at the lower angle of the fcapula, and is inferted at the under part of the os humeri about three fingers breadth from the head. This mufcle draws the os humeri toward the lower angle of the fcapula, and turns the arm prone and backward.

Q. Which is the latifimus dorfi?

A. The latiffimus dorfi is a very broad mufcle, covering almost the whole back; it has a thin, broad, tendinous beginning, which arifes from the fpinal processes of the ilium, os facrum, vertebræ of the loins, and from the seven inferior rior vertebræ of the thorax. It is inferted into the os humeri with the teres major, by a ftrong and broad tendon, with which it pulls the arm downward and backward.

Q. Which is the fubfcapularis?

A. The fubfcapularis is a mufcle of the fame breadth and length with the fcapula, filling up the hollow or under fide of it (whence its name) from which it arifes, and is inferted into the neck of the os humeri, wrapping fomewhat over it. This mufcle pulls the arm to the fide and prone.

Q. Which is the coraco-brachialis?

A. The coraco-brachialis arifes from the proceffus coracoides fcapulæ, and paffing over the articulation, is inferted into the middle and internal part of the humerus; this, with the deltoides and fupra fpinatus, lifts the arm upwards, and turns it fomewhat outward.

Q. Which is the biceps cubiti flexor?

A. The biceps cubiti flexor arifes with two heads, that the fibres of this mufcle fhould not comprefs one another. One head arifes with a long, round tendon, from the upper edge of the acetabulum fcapulæ, running under the ligament of the articulation, in a channel or groove on the head of the fhoulder bone, (before-mentioned) wherein it is inclofed by a proper ligament; afterwards it becomes flefhy, and joins the other head, which arifes from the proceffus coracoides fcapulæ, in common with the coraco-brachialis mufcle, and is inferted with the first head into the tubercle, at the upper head of the radius. Sometimes this mufcle has

has a third head, which arifes from the middle of the os humeri. This mufcle lifts up the humerus, bends the cubit, and has as great a fhare as any one mufcle in turning the cubit fupine; the humerus being fixed by other mufcles, the whole force of this mufcle will be exerted upon the cubit, or the cubit being fixed by an extensor, the whole force of it will be fpent in raifing the arm, and therefore ought to be always reckoned among those that raife a weight at arm's length.

The tendinous expansion of this muscle, in the flexure of the cubits, is fometimes pricked in bleeding, (by injudicious operators) which generally occafions a most violent pain and inflammation, and has been attended with fatal confequences. The great mifchief arifing from pricking this tendinous fascia, seems owing to its lying fo much upon the ftretch, which may be wholly avoided by bending the elbow and turning the cubit. Chefelden observes on this fubject, that many have been the inftances of larger tendons being cut and flitched without any bad fymptoms, and that they have been cut, torn, ulcerated, and mortified, without any more fign of pain than in other parts, fo that it is difficult to find out what the great mifchief of pricking this tendinous fascia is owing to, unlefs its lying fo much upon the ftretch, which may be wholly avoided by bending the elbow, and turning the cubit prone.

Q. Which is the brachizeus internus?

A. The brachiæus internus lies partly under the biceps, and arifes from the internal part, and and below the middle of the os humeri, near the infertion of the deltoides, and coraco-brachialis mulcles; it is inferted in the tubercle of the ulna, a little below its upper head. This mulcle helps also to bend the arm.

Q. Which is the fupinator radii longus?

A. The fupinator radii longus has its origin from the exterior part of the humerus, and is inferted into the upper fide of the radius near the carpus. This muscle, fome fay, is not a fupinator, but a bender of the cubit.

Q. Which is the fupinator radii brevis?

A. The fupinator radii brevis arifes from the lower part of the external condyle of the os humeri, and from the upper part of the ulna, and is inferted near the tubercle of the radius. This mufcle ferves alfo to turn the palm of the hand upward, and to bend the cubit.

Q. Which is the triceps extensor cubiti vel brachiæus externus?

A. The triceps extenfor cubiti is divided into three heads. The first arises from the inferior costa of the scapula near the acetabulum; the fecond, from the outer and back part of the os humeri; the third, lower and more internal; and are inferted into the processure olecranon of the ulna. The first of these heads draws the arm backward.

Q. Which is the anconæus?

A. The anconæus arifes from the back part of the extremities of the humerus, paffes over the elbow, and is inferted into the upper part of

of the ulna. This muscle is also an extensor of the cubit.

Q. Which is the palmaris longus?

A. The palmaris longus arifes from the inner condyle of the os humeri; it foon after becomes a tendon, joins the ligamentum tranfverfale carpi, and is expanded in the palm of the hand. This mufcle is often wanting, but the expansion in the hand never; yet being connected to the ligament of the carpus, it must bend the carpus, and cannot constrict the palm of the hand.

Q. Which is the palmaris brevis?

A. The palmaris brevis, or caro quadrata, is in form of a fmall mass of flesh, very different in fize in different bodies. It arises obfcurely from the ligamentum transversale carpi, and feems to be inferted into the eighth bone of the carpus, and the metacarpal bone of the little finger. This helps to constrict the palm of the hand.

Q. Which is the flexor carpi radialis?

A. The flexor carpi radialis arifes from the inner extuberance of the os humeri, and foon becoming a ftrong tendon, paffes through a channel of the fifth bone of the carpus, and is inferted into the metacarpal bone of the forefinger. This not only bends the carpus upon the radius, but alfo the bones of the fecond order upon those of the first.

Q. Which is the flexor carpi ulnaris?

A. The flexor carpi ulnaris arifes from the fame tubercle of the humerus as the former, and a fafcia betwixt this mufcle and the tenfor T ulnaris,

ulnaris, contiguous to the ulna, and is inferted by a fhort tendon into the fourth bone of the carpus.

Q. Which are the extensores carpi radiales ?

A. The first of the extensores carpi radiales arises from the os humeri, immediately below the superior radii longus, and is inferted into the metacarpal bone of the middle singer. The first of these muscles is a bender of the cubit, as well as an extensor of the carpus.

Q. Which is the extensor ulnaris?

A. The extensor ulnaris arises from the fame extuberance with the former, and half the ulna below the anconæus muscle; then, becoming a tendon, it runs in a small finus at the bottom of the ulna, and is inferted into the metacarpal bone of the little finger. The extensors of the carpus being inferted into the metacarpus, at once perform the motion between the bones of the carpus and radius. The flexor and tensor ulnaris acting together turn the hand downward, the tensor and flexor radialis upward.

Q. Which is the pronator quadratus?

A. The pronator quadratus vel transversus, lies transversely on the infide of the lower extremity of the fore-arm. It arises from the lower part of the ulna near the carpus, and passing under the flexors of the fingers, is inferted into the lower extremity of the radius.

Q. Which is the pronator teres?

A. The pronator teres vel obliquus is fituated in the upper part of the ulna, opposite to the fupinator brevis. It arifes from the internal condyle of the os humeri, and upper and fore

fore part of the ulna, and is inferted into the radius below the fupinator brevis.

Q. Which is the perforatus, &c.?

A. The perforatus, or flexor fecundi internodii digitorum, called alfo fublimis, arifes from the inner tubercle of the os humeri, and from the upper part of the ulna, and the middle of the radius; then becoming four ftrong tendons, it paffes under the ligamentum tranfverfale carpi, and is inferted into the beginning of the fecond bone of each finger.

Q. Which is the perforans?

A. The perforans, or flexor tertii internodii digitorum, arifes from half the ulna, and a great part of the ligament between the ulna and radius, then becoming four tendons, paffes under the ligamentum transversale carpi, and through the tendons of the former muscle, to their infertion into the third bone of each finger. The tendons of both these muscles are tied down to the fingers by a ftrong ligament.

Q. Which are the lumbricales?

A. The lumbricales, or flexores primi internodii digitorum, arife from the tendons of the laft mentioned mufele, and are inferted laterally toward the thumb into the beginning of the first bone of each finger.

Q. Which is the extensor digitorum communis?

A. The extensor digitorum communis arises from the external protuberance of the humerus, and at the wrifts it passes under a ligament, and divides into four tendons, which are afterwards T_2 inferted inferted into the beginning of the fecond bone of each finger. These tendons communicate upon the first joint, which keeps them from fliding off the joints of the fingers, being a little connected to the first bones.

Q. Which is the extensor minimi digiti?

A. The extensor minimi digiti vel auricularis, is a portion of the last muscle, passing under the ligament in a direct channel.

Q. Which is the extensor indicis?

A. The extensor indicis comes from the middle and external part of the ulna, and paffing under the ligaments of the carpus, is inferted with the extensor communis into the forefinger. This muscle extends the fore-finger fingly.

Q. Which are the abductor primi digiti interoffei, and abductor minimi digiti?

A. The abductor primi digiti interoffei, and abductor minimi digiti, are eight mufcles, one for each fide of each finger. The abductor primi digiti arifes from the firft bone of the thumb, and the fide of the metacarpal bone of the fore-finger. The interoffei are three pair, fitly divided into external and internal; the external arife from the metacarpal bones, whofe fpaces they fill up next the back of the hand; the internal arife from the fame bones in the infide of the hand.

Q. Which are the abductor minimi digiti?

A. The abductor minimi digiti arifes from the transverse ligament, and fourth bone of the carpus; these muscles are inferted, two into the first joint of each finger, and then passing obliquely obliquely over the tops of the fingers, are inferted into their laft bones; they bend the firft joint, and extend the two laft, as in holding a pin, and in playing upon fome mufical inftrument. The abductors of the fore and little fingers, with the fecond and fifth interoffei mufcles acting, the fingers are divaricated, and the other four acting bring them together; thefe mufcles which divaricate the fingers, being extenders of the fecond and third joints, we never can divaricate them without extending them a little.

Q. Which is the abductor offis metacarpi minimi digiti?

A. The abductor offis metacarpi minimi digiti, arifes from the eighth bone and transverse ligament of the carpus, and is inferted into the metacarpal bone of the little finger, which it pulls toward the thumb, to constrict the palm of the hand.

Q. Which is the extensor primi internodii pollicis?

A. The extensor primi internodii pollicis arifes from the ulna, below the anconæus mufcle and the ligament between the ulna and radius; then becoming two, three, or four tendons, is inferted into the fifth bone of the carpus, and first of the thumb. The first of these infertions can only affist the bending of the wrist upward, and in turning the arm supine.

Q. Which is the extensor fecundi, &c.?

A. The extensor fecundi internodii pollicis arifes immediately below the former, from the T_3 radius radius and transverse ligament, and is inferted into the second and third bone of the thumb.

Q. Which is the extensor tertii internodii pollicis?

A. The extensor tertii internodii pollicis arifes immediately below the last described, from the ulna and ligament, and passes over the radius nearer the ulna, to be inferted into the third bone of the thumb. This extends the thumb more towards the ulna than the former muscle, and is very much a supernator.

Q. Which is the flexor primi et fecundi offis pollicis?

A. The flexor primi et fecundi offis pollicis, arifes from the fifth bone and transverse ligament of the carpus, and from the beginnings of the two first metacarpal bones, and is inferted into the whole length of the first bone of the thumb, and tendinous into the beginning of the fecond; the fefamoid bones of the thumb in such bodies as have them, lie in this tendon, where it passes over the joint.

Q. Which is the flexor tertii internodii pollicis?

A. The flexor tertii internodii pollicis, arifes large from almost all the upper part of the radius, and becoming a round tendon, paffes under the ligamentum transversale carpi, to be inferted into the third bone of the thumb. This muscle fingly acting draws the thumb towards the metacarpal bone of the little finger; but the last mentioned muscle acting with it, turns it toward the fore-finger.

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Q. Which is the abductor pollicis?

A. The abductor pollicis arifes from the carpus, and almost the whole length of the metacarpal bone of the middle finger, and is inferted into the beginning of the fecond bone of the thumb. This muscle naturally enough divides into two, and might better be called a flexor than an abductor.

Q. Which is the abductor pollicis?

A. The abductor pollicis arifes from the fifth bone and ligamentum transversale of the carpus, and is inferted laterally into the beginning of the fecond bone of the thumb to draw it towards the radius.

The mufcles which bend the thumb are much lefs than those which bend the fingers, neverthelefs, the thumb is able to refift all the fingers, merely from the advantages that arise from the thickness and shortness of the bones of the thumb, compared with those of the fingers; but then the quickness of motion in the fingers will exceed that of the thumb, as much as the fingers exceed the thumb in length, and their muscles those of the thumb in largeness.

Q. What are the arteries of the arm?

A. The arteries of the arm proceed all from the fubclavian : the various branches it gives off before it leaves the thorax have been already mentioned. From the arteria thoracica a branch in particular runs down between the deltoides and pectoralis, together with the vena cephalica, to which it adheres very clofely, as if there were an anaftomofis between them. Another branch tometimes runs between the mulculus brachiæus, T_4 and

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and anconæus internus, which communicates with a branch of the radial artery. The fubclavian artery having left the thorax immediately above the firft rib, in the interffice left between the portions of the fcalenus mufcle, gives off the arteries above-mentioned, and the external fcapulary, and then receives the name of axillaris, (becaufe it paffes under the axilla) from whence proceed the arteria humeralis, brachialis, cubitalis, and radialis.

Q. Which are the arteriæ fcapulares?

A. The external fcapulary artery paffes through the notch in the fuperior cofta of the fcapula, to the mufculus fuprafpinatus and infrafpinatus, teres major et minor, and to the articulation of the fcapula with the os humeri. The internal fcapularis arifes from the axillary artery near the axilla, and runs backward to be diftributed to the fcapularis, giving branches and ramifications to the ferratus major, axillary glands, teres major, infrafpinatus, and upper portion of the anconei.

Q. Which is the arteria humeralis?

A. The atteria humeralis arifes from the lower and fore fide of the axillaris, and runs backward between the head of the os humeri and teres major, furrounding the articulation till it reaches the pofterior part of the deltoides, to which it is diffributed; in its courfe it fupplies the fuperior portions of the anconei, the capfular ligament of the joint of the fhoulder, and the os humeri itfelf, through feveral holes immediately below the great tuberofity of the head of that bone, communicating with the fcapular

fcapular artery. Opposite to the origin of the humeralis the axillaris fends off a finall branch in a contrary direction between the head of the os humeri and the upper part of the biceps and coraco-brachialis, which goes to the vagina and channel of the biceps, and to the periosteum, and afterwards joins the humeralis.

Q. Which is the arteria brachialis?

A. The axillary artery having given off the humeralis and its branches, as I have mentioned, paffes immediately behind the tendon of the pectoralis, where it changes its name to brachialis, which runs down on the infide of the arm over the mufculus coraco-brachialis, and triceps extenfor cubiti, and along the inner edge of the biceps behind the vena bafilica, giving small branches on both fides to the neighbouring muscles, to the periosteum, and to the bone. Between the axilla and middle of the arm, it is covered only by fkin and fat; but afterwards it is hid under the biceps, and runs obliquely forward as it defcends; but it does not reach the middle of the fold of the arm. In its paffage to this place it fends off many branches to the infraspinatus, teres major and minor, subscapularis, latisfimus dorsi, ferratus major, and other neighbouring muscles, to the common integuments, and even to the nerves. Below the fold of the arm it divides into two principal branches, which I shall mention by and by, one called cubitalis, the other radialis. From the upper and inner part the brachialis it fends off a particular branch, which runs obliquely downward and backward over the anconæus. næus, and then turns forward again near the external condyle, where it communicates with a branch of the radialis.

Immediately below the infertion of the teres major it gives off another branch, which runs round the os humeri, and defcends obliquely forward between the musculus brachiæus and triceps extensor cubiti, to both which it is diftributed in its paffage. About the breadth of a finger below the fecond branch, the brachial artery fends off a third branch towards the internal condyle as the fecond is to the external condyle, both which communicate with the arteries of the cubit. Near the middle of the arm the brachialis fends off a branch between the brachiæus and the triceps, to the periofteum, which penetrates the bone. About an inch lower it gives off a branch, which fends ramification to the triceps and runs over the inner condyle. Below the middle of the arm another branch runs behind the inner condyle in company with a confiderable nerve. A little lower another branch is fometimes detached on the forefide of the inner condyle; all thefe three branches communicate with branches of the cubital artery, and are termed collateral arteries. The common trunk of the brachial artery having reached the fold of the arm, runs together with a vein and a nerve, immediately under the aponeurofis of the biceps, and paffes under the vena mediana, detaching branches on each fide to the neighbouring mulcles.

About an inch beyond the fold of the arm, the brachial artery divides into two principal branches : branches: The inner or pofterior named cubitalis; and the outer or anterior named radialis, as has been already faid. From this bifurcation the brachial artery fends branches on each fide to the fupinator and pronator mufcles, teres, fat, and fkin.

Q. How is the arteria cubitalis diffributed? A. The cubital artery, proceeding from the brachialis, as I have before obferved, finks in between the ulna and the upper parts of the pronator teres, perforatus, palmaris longus, and flexor carpi radialis : then leaving the bone it runs down between the perforatus and palmaris longus, all the way to the carpus and great transverse ligament. In this course it winds and turns feveral ways, and fends out feveral branches; very often there is a branch of communication between the brachial and cubital arteries. This communicant branch is fometimes very large, and liable to be pricked by carelefs or injudicious blood-letters in bleeding in the bafilic vein, immediately under which this branch generally lies. When the operation for an aneurism is made upon the communicant branch, it must be tied on both fides of the orifice, because the blood is liable to flow freely into it either way.

The firft branch of the cubital is a fmall artery which runs to the inner condyle, then turns up, and communicates with the collateral arteries before mentioned. Another fmall branch almost furrounds the articulation. The cubital artery running then between the heads of the ulna and radius, and having reached the interoffeous

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interoffeous ligament, fends off two principal branches which may be called interoffeous arteries of the fore-arm, one internal, the other external. The external pierces the ligament about three fingers breadth below the articulation, from which runs up a branch to the external condyle of the os humeri under the extensor ulnaris and anconæus, to which it is diftributed : as alfo to the supinator brevis, communicating with the collateral arteries on the fame fide. Afterwards this external interoffeous runs down on the outfide of the ligament, and is diftributed to the extensor ulnaris, extensor digitorum communis, and to the extenfores pollicis indicis, and minimi digiti; communicating with branches of the internal interoffeous. At the lower extremity of the ulna it unites with a branch of the internal interoffeous, and is diftributed, together with it, on the back of the hand, communicating with the radialis and a branch of the cubitalis.

By these communications this artery forms a fort of irregular arch, from whence branches are detached to the external interoffeous mufcles, and to the external lateral parts of the fingers. The internal interoffeous artery runs down very clofe to the ligament, which it perforates between the pronator teres, and pronator quadratus, and goes to the back of the hand, where it communicates with the external interoffeous radialis, and the internal branch of the cubitalis. From the origin of the two arteriæ interoffæ, the cubitalis runs down between the perforatus, perforans,

perforans, and flexor carpi ulnaris, along the ulna, fending branches to the neighbouring parts. Afterwards the cubital artery paffes over the internal transverse ligament of the carpus by the fide of the os pifciforme vel obiculare, and having furnished the skin, palmaris brevis, and metacarpus, it flips under the aponeurofis palmaris, giving off a branch to the abductor minimi digiti, and another towards the thumb between the tendons of the flexors of the fingers and the bases of the metacarpal bones. A branch runs alfo between the third and fourth bones of the metacarpus to the back of the hand, where it . communicates with the external interoffeous artery. Afterwards, having fupplied the interoffeous muscles, it communicates with the radialis, and they both form an arterial arch in the hollow of the hand in the following manner: about two fingers breadth beyond the internal annular ligament of the carpus, the cubitalis forms an arch, the convex fide of which is turned to the fingers, and commonly fends off three or four branches; the first, to the inner and back part of the little finger; and the other three run in the interstices of the four metacarpal bones, near the heads of which, each of them is divided into two branches, which run on each fide the fingers internally, and at the ends of the fingers these digital arteries communicate and unite with each other. From the concave fide of this arch towards the fecond phalanx of the thumb, a branch goes to the internal lateral part thereof, and then ends near the head of the first metacarpal bone, by a communication

munication with the radialis; having first given a branch to the forefide of the index, and another to the fide of the thumb; these communicate as the other digital arteries. This arch fends likewise finall twigs to the interoffeous muscles, lumbricalis, palmaris, and other. neighbouring parts; and lastly to the integuments.

Q. Which is the arteria radialis?

A. The radial artery proceeds from the brachialis, as before observed, and begins by detaching a fmall branch upward, toward the fold of the arm, which also turns backward round the external condyle, communicating with the neighbouring branches of the brachial artery .. The radial artery runs down on the infide of the radius, between the supinator longus, pronator teres, and the integuments, giving branches to thefe mufcles, and likewife to the perforatus, perforans, and fupinator brevis. From thence it runs in a winding courfe toward the extremity of the radius, supplying the flexor of the thumb and pronator quadratus. Having reached the extremity of the radius, it runs nearer the fkin, efpecially toward the anterior edge of the bone, being the artery which we there feel when we examine the pulse. At the end of the radius it gives off a branch to the abductor pollicis, which detaches one to the whole internal fide of the thumb; afterwards it runs between the first phalanx and tendons of the thumb, to the interffice between it and the first metacarpal bone, where it turns toward the hollow of the hand, and fends off a branch to the external fide of the thumb.

thumb. Other branches of the radialis run transversely outward between the first two bones of the metacarpus and the two tendons of the extenfores carpi radialis; they communicate with the cubitalis, and together furnish the external interoffeus muscles and integuments of the back of the hand. Laftly, the radialis terminates in its paffage over the femi interoffeous muscle of the index, near the bafis of the first metacarpal bone, and runs under the tendons of the flexor muscles of the fingers, where it is joined to the arch of the cubitalis. It fends off another branch along the fore part of the first bone of the metacarpus to the back of the index, where it is loft in the integuments; it gives alfo a branch to the internal fide of the index, and at the end of the finger joins an oppofite branch which comes from the arch of the cubitalis. Another fmall branch croffes the internal interoffeous mufcles, and communicates with the great arch. Where the arch of the cubitalis ends at the middle finger, the radialis runs along the inner part of the first metacarpal bone, at the head of which it terminates by two branches; one runs along the inner fide of the index, and the other passes between the flexor tendons of this finger and the metacarpal bone, and having communicated with the cubital. branch of the middle finger, it advances on the posterior lateral part of the index to the end of the finger, where it unites again with the first branch.

Q. What are the veins of the arm?

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A. The veins of the arm, &c. likewife proceed from the fubclavian, and the various branches are diffinguished by the names of the parts they are beftowed on, in the same manner as the arteries already mentioned, viz. vena axillaris, cephalica, bafilica.

Q. Which is the vena axillaris?

A. The fubclavian vein, having fent off the branches already defcribed, goes out of the thorax, and paffes before the anterior portion of the musculus scalenus, and between the first rib and the clavicle to the axilla. Through this courfe it takes the name of vena axillaris, and gives off feveral branches, the chief of which are the venæ musculares, thoracieæ and vena cephalica, which is fometimes double. The first veins which it fends off are the musculares, distributed to the middle portion of the musculus trapezius, to the angularis, infraspinatus and fubscapularis: a little before the axillaris reaches the axilla, it fends out the venæ thoracieæ, one fuperior called alfo mammaria externa, and the other inferior. It likewife fends branches to the musculus fubscapularis, teres major, teres minor, supraspinatus, latissimus dorsi, ferratus major, pectoralis, and to the glands of the axilla.

Q. Which is the vena cephalica?

A. The axillaris, having reached the fide of the head of the os humeri, produces a very confiderable branch named vena cephalica, and afterwards runs along the arm by the name of vena bafilica; however, the batilica fometimes appears to be rather a branch than a continuation

tion of the axillary trunk; in which cafe the cephalica and bafilica might be looked upon as two principal branches of the axillaris. The cephalic vein, which is a branch of the axillaris, at a small distance from its origin, joins the fmall cephalica from the fubclavia or jugularis externa; having till then run near the furface of the body between the deltoides and pectoralis. The great cephalica runs down between the tendons of the last mentioned muscles and along the external edge of the biceps, to the neighbouring muscles, fat and skin communicating with the bafilica : a little below the external condyle of the os humeri, it fends off a branch backward. Near the fold of the arm it divides into two principal branches, one long, the other fhort. The long branch is named radialis externa, and the fhort one may be called mediana cephalica, to diftinguish it from another mediana, which is a fhort branch of the bafilica, and therefore ought to be called vena mediana basilica. The external radial vein runs along the radius between the muscles and integuments, and gives off branches to both fides, communicating and forming areolæ much like the faphena.

The mediana cephalica runs down toward the middle of the fold of the arm, under the integuments, and over the tendon of the biceps, where it joins the mediana bafilica before mentioned. These two medianæ unite in an angle, the apex of which is turned downward. From this angle a confiderable branch goes down the fore-arm, uniting on one fide with the vena U cephalica, cephalica, and communicating on the other with the bafilica, by feveral irregular areolæ.

The name of mediana is given to this large branch as well as to the two short ones, by the union of which it is formed; this large branch is the true mediana, and that name only fufficiently diffinguishes it, as the others are alfo termed cephalica and bafilica. From this union of the two lateral medianæ, a branch goes down the infide of the fore-arm called vena cubiti profunda. The mediana cephalica fometimes fends down' a long branch, called radialis interna, almost parallel to the externa; afterwards, having reached the extremity of the radius, it is diftributed by a numerous areolæ almost in the fame courfe with the ranial artery; it gives off a branch which runs fuperficially between the thumb and metacarpus by the name of cephalica pollicis. The areolæ furnish the interoffeous muscles and integuments, and communicate with a fmall branch from the bafilica called by the ancients falvatella.

Q. Which is the vena bafilica?

A. The bafilic vein proceeds from the fubclavian, as before mentioned, and has fometimes a double origin by a branch of communication with the trunk of the axillaris. First of all it fends off, under the head of the os humeri, a pretty large branch, which passes almost transversely round the neck of that bone, and running upon the scapula it is ramified in the deltoides; this branch may be named subhumeralis, or articularis, as the artery; it fends down to principal branches, one on the infide of

of the bone, to which and the periofteum it gives fmall veins; the other turns forward, towards the middle of the arm between the bone and the biceps. Below the neck of the os humeri, near the hollow of the axilla, and behind the tendon of the pectoralis, the bafilica fends out a confiderable branch down the fide of the brachial artery, which fupplies the neighbouring muscles on both fides. Immediately afterwards the bafilica detaches two or three fmall veins vary closely joined to the brachial artery, and divides at the fold of the arm like the artery, having the fame divisions along the whole fore arm afterwards, the bafilica continues its courfe along the infide of the os humeri, between the muscles and integuments which it fupplies. Having reached the inner condyle, and fent off obliquely in the fold of the arm, the mediana bafilica, it runs along the ulna between the integuments and muscles, a little toward the outfide, by the name of cubitalis externa; and another branch, which the mediana bafilica fends down the infide of the fore-arm near the ulna, may be named cubitalis interna. The bafilica, having reached the extremity of the ulna, fends feveral branches to the back-fide of the carpus, one of which named falvatella, goes to the fide of the little finger next the ring-finger, having first communicated with the cephalica, by means of the venal areolæ, confpicuous on the back of the hand. In the other fingers the vein follows nearly the fame courfe with the artery.

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Q. What are the nerves of the arm?

A. The nerves of the arm, &c. come originally from the medulla fpinalis, and proceed immediately from the cervical nerves. The confiderable branches into which the nerves of the arm are divided are fix: which Dr. Monro names as follows.

1. Cutaneus, runs down the fore part of the arm, and ferves the teguments as far as the palm of the hand and fingers.

2. Musculo-cutaneus, passes through the musculus coraco brachialis, and after supplying the biceps and brachiæus internus, is spent on the teguments of the back of the cubitus and hand.

3. Muscularis, runs down the forepart of the arm to be lost in the musculi flexores carpi, digitorum, &c.

4. Ulnaris, which fupplies the extensores cubiti, and teguments of the elbow, then paffing through the finuofity at the back of the extermal condyle of the humerus, runs along the ulna, where it gives twigs to the teguments and neighbouring muscles; at length it is loft in the back of the hand, musculi interoffei, and lumbricales, in the little finger, and fide of the ring finger and next to this. The course of this nerve is fufficiently felt when we lean on our elbow, by the fensibility and pricking pain in the parts to which it is diffributed.

5. Radialis, goes down the forepart of the arm, near the radius, beftowing branches in its progrefs on the circumjacent muscles, and fplitting at the ligamentum annulare carpi, it is fent

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to the thumb, fore-finger, middle finger, and half of the ring-finger, and to the back of the kand.

6. Articularis, runs almost round the top of the os humeri, and serves the musculi extenfores cubiti, refractores, and elevatores humeri. By a strong and continued pressure on these nerves, by crutches, or any such hard substance, a palsy and atrophy of the arm may be occasioned.

Q. What are the glands of the arm?

A. The axillary glands are fituated under the arm-pits, enveloped in fat, and lie clofe by the axillary veffels about the fcapula, and the flexure of the elbow; there are alfo found here and there fome fmall glands; as alfo in fome places between and among the mufcles. Subcutaneous glands, which fome mention, have no exiftence.

DIALOGUE VII.

Of the LEG and its PARTS.

Q. WHAT are the parts of the leg? A. Under the general denomination of the leg and its parts, I fhall defcribe all the lower extremities, and divide them as in the table of ofteology and in the fkeleton, into the thigh, leg, and foot. The crus ex-U 3 tends

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tends from the nates or buttocks to the ends of the toes; and is divided into femur, the thigh, from the ifchium or hip, to the knee. The fold between the belly and thigh is termed inguen, the groin; the top or fore part of the knee is termed patella, or rotula, the pan of the knee; the hinder part poples, the ham. From the knee to the inftep, is properly called the tibia or leg, the forepart of which is crea, the fkin; the hinder part fura, the calf; the outer protuberance at the lower end is termed malleolus externus, the outer ancle; on the oppofite fide is malleolus internus, or inner ancle. The foot is fubdivided into three parts, viz. the tarfus, metatarfus, and toes; behind is calcaneus, the heel, before is tarfus, the inftep; from thence to the toes is the metatarfus; the top of the foot is termed dorfum pedis; the under part or fole planta pedis; and the toes digiti pedis.

Q. What are the bones of the leg?

A. As under this denomination I comprehend all the lower limb, as before obferved, the bones are, the os femoris, patella, tibia, fibula, tarfus, metatarfus, and digiti pedis.

Q. Which is the os femoris?

A. The os femoris is the thigh bone, and the longeft and ftrongeft bone of the whole human frame. In its upper extremity is to be obferved a very large round head, and in this head a cavity is deftined for the ligamentum rotundum, by means of which it is fixed in the acetabulum or focket of the os innominatum, and its luxation upwards prevented. There are two procefies

proceffes or apophyfes near the head, called the greater and leffer trochanters, which are evidently formed for the infertion of muscles. The neck of this bone lies between the trochanters and the head, to which is affixed a robust annular ligament, which contains the head and neck of the bone, as it were in a cafe. The neck is not strait but oblique, nearly horizontal, and turning fomewhat outward, fo formed for keeping the thighs afunder, by which means we tread the firmer; the fpongy cavernous ftructure of this extremity of the bone, renders it lefs liable to fractures in this part: the apertures for the ingress of feveral veffels are also obfervable, as is the large finus between the great trochanter and the neck, into which muscles are inferted. The middle of the thigh bone, for the conveniency of the muscles, is a little convex forwards, and fomewhat concave backwards, which would make it fubject to break backwards, if there was not a ftrong ridge on the backfide (termed lina afpera) which ftrengthens it fufficiently, and ferves also for advantageous infertions for feveral muscles. The great cavity of this bone is also remarkable for containing the marrow. At the lower end of this bone are two large heads, with a cavity between them, for the articulation with the tibia; alfo a posterior cavity which gives passage for the large veffels to defcend fecurely to the leg. There is belides an inferior cavity for the placing of the patella : and laftiy, two condyles, or tubercles, placed near the heads, for the origin of the mulcles which move the foot. The U4 ftrength

ftrength and firmnefs of thi bone are furprizingly great; hence the ufe of the thigh bone is to fupport and fuftain the weight of the whole body; and its moveable articulation at the head gives way to the eafy motion of the body, while the feet are unmoved. All the proceffes of the former are cartilaginous in new born children; and afterwards become finall apophyfes, with large epiphyfes.

Q. Which is the patella?

A. The patella is a bone which covers the fore part of the joint of the knee, called alfo rotula, and vulgarly the knee-pan or pan-bone, of the knee. It is convex on the outfide, and on the infide unequal, having an eminence and two depressions. Its fubstance is spongeous, and confequently it is brittle. It is connected by tendons and ligaments to the tibia and os femoris, which is the ligament by which it is connected to the thigh, and has a motion of afcent and defcent in the flexion of the tibia. Its ufe is to fecure the extensors of the tibia, left paffing over the joint, they might be too much exposed to internal injuries. At the ordinary time of birth, the patella is entirely cartilaginous, and fearcely affumes a bony nature fo foon as most epiphyses do.

The part fituated from the knee to the ancie is properly called the leg, and confifts of two bones befides the patella above mentioned, viz. the tibia and the fibula.

Q. Which is the tibia?

A. The tibia is the bigger bone of the leg, (fo called from its refemblance to an old mufical pipe or flute) fituated at its anterior internal part,

part, and continued in near a strait line, from the thigh-bone to the inner ancle; it is hard and firm, with a cavity in its middle; it is almost triangular; its fore and sharp edge is called the shin. This bone is large at its upper end, and has two finufes or fockets, which receive the two protuberances, or lower heads of the thigh-bone; and the production or proces, which is between the finuses of the tibia, is received in the finus, or cavity, which divides the two protuberances of the femur before mentioned, and to this rough process of the tibia the crofs ligaments of this joint are connected. One fide of the upper end has a small process, which is received into a finall finus of the fibula, and on the fore part, a little below the patella, is another process, into which the ligament, or tendon of the patella, is inferted, and the tendons of the extensors of the leg. Its lower extremity, which is much fmaller than its upper, has a remarkable procefs, which forms the inner ancle, and fecures this bone from diflocating outwards: it has also a pretty large finus, which receives the convex head of the aftragalus, and the protuberance is received into the finus, in the convex head of the fame bone. It has another shallow finus in the fide of its lower end, which receives the fibula. The upper end of this bone is triangular, as before observed, and even concave on the fide next the muscles, to make room for them; but lower, as the mufcles grow lefs and tendinous, the bone grows rounder. Both the ends of the tibia are cartilaginous at the birth, and become afterwards epiphytes.

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Q. Which is the fibula?

A. The fibula is the outer and fmaller bone of the leg, called also perone. It lies on the outfide of the tibia, and its upper end does not reach to the knee, but is only joined to the external fide of the tibia, receiving the fmall lateral process of the upper end of that bone into a finall finus, which the fibula has in its inner fide. The lower end of this bone is received into the fmall finus of the tibia, and then it extends into a large process, which forms the outward ancle, embracing the external fide of the aftragalus. Thus the inferior proceffes of the tibia aad fibula concur in the articulation of the tarfus, which ferves to ftrengthen the ancle joint, and render a luxation less eafy. The tibia and fibula do not touch one another but at their ends; the fpace which they leave in the middle is filled up by a ftrong membranous ligament, and fome mufcles, which extend the feet and toes. The fibula has no particular motion of its own, but wholly follows that of the tibia; and it feems doubtful, whether or not this bone contributes to the fupport of the body: its great use is for the origin of the muscles, and even its shape is suited to theirs. The body of this bone is a little crooked inwards and backwards, which figure is owing to the actions of the muscles, but is still further increased by nurses, who often hold children carelefsly by their legs. Both the ends of the fibula are cartilaginous in a ripe child, and affume the form of appendices before they are united to its body.

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The bones of the feet are those of the tarfus, metatarfus, and toes.

Q. Which is the tarfus, and of what bones does it confift?

A. The tarfus is the fpace between the bones of the leg and the metatarfus, confifting of feven fpongy bones, viz. the aftragalus or talus; calcaneum or os calcis; os naviculare: os cuboides vel cubiforme; and the three offa cuneiformia. The first of these bones, which is the aftragalus, fupports the tibia, and is fupported by the os calcis, which being projected backwards, makes a long lever for the mufcles to act with, that extend the ancle and raife the body upon the toes. These two bones have a confiderable motion between themfelves, and the aftragalus alfo with the os naviculare, and all the reft an obfcure motion one with another, and with the bones of the metatarfus; the greateft part of these motions being toward the great toe, where is the greatest stress of action. These bones thus giving way are less liable to be broke, and as a fpring under the leg, make the motions of the body, in walking, more eafy and graceful, and the bones which are fupported by them less subject to be fractured in violent actions. The os naviculare is in the middle of the internal fide of the tarfus.

The os cuboides is the moft external of the row of four bones at its fore part. The os cuneiforme externum is placed at the infide of the cuboid. The cuneiforme medium is between the external and internal cuneiforme bones; and the the internal cuneiforme is put at the internal fide of the foot.

Q. Which is the metatarfus, and of how many bones is it composed?

A. The metatarfus is the fpace between the tarfus and toes, confifting of five bones, articulated to the tarfus at one end, and to the toes at the other; the metatarfal bone which fupports the great toe is much the largeft, the greateft ftrets in walking falling upon that part; under the end of this lie the two fefamoid bones, which are of the fame ufe as the patella.

Q. Which are the digiti pedis, and how are they composed?

A. The digiti pedis is a term given by anatomifts to the toes. Each of the toes, except the great one, confifts of three phalanges; the great toe has but two, and the two laft of the little toe frequently grow together. The toes are lefs than the fingers, and have much lefs free motion.

Q. What are the fefamoidal bones?

A. The offa fefamoidea, are of very different figures and fizes, though they are generally faid to refemble the feed of the fefamum. They feem to be no other than the ligaments of the articulations, or the firm tendons of ftrong mufcles, or both, become bony by the compression which they fuffer. Thus the fefamoid bones at the beginning of the gastrocnemii muscles, are evidently composed of the tendinous fibres only. These at the first joint of the great toe are as plainly the fame continued substance with the ligaments,

ligaments, and the tendons of the abductor, flexor, brevis, and abductor. That which is fometimes double at the fecond joint of that toe is part of the capfular ligament; and if we enumerate the other femamoid bones that are at any time found, we may obferve all of them formed in this manner. Their number, figure, fituation, and magnitude, are fo uncertain, that it were in vain to infift on the differences of each, and therefore we may in general remark,

1. That, wherever the tendons and ligaments are firmeft, the actions of the mufcles ftrongeft, and the compression greatest, there such bones are most commonly found.

2. That, cæteris paribus, the older the fubject is in which they are fought, their number is greater, and their fize larger.

3. The more labour any perfon is inured to, he has, cæteris paribus, the most numerous and largest offa sefamoidea.

However, as the two at the first joint of the great toe are much larger than any other, are easily formed, and are feldom wanting in an adult, we may judge that, besides the more forcible cause of their formation, there should also be some particular advantage necessary at this place rather than elsewhere; which may possibly be, to allow the flexor muscles to fend their tendons along this joint, fecure from compression in the hollow between the two oblong stefamoid bones; while, by removing these tendons from the centre of motion, and giving them the advantage of an angle at their infertion, the force of the muscle is increased, and therefore therefore the great fuper incumbent weight of our body in progression is more easily raised.

Q. What are the cartilages of the leg?

A. The cartilages of the lower extremity are those of the os femoris, patella, tibia, fibula, and bones of the foot.

Q. What are the cartilages of the os femoris?

A. No part of the os femoris is covered with a cartilage, except the uniform convexity of the head, and the articular portion of the lower extremity: the trochanters in adults have no true cartilage

Q. What cartilage has the patella?

A. The patella has a pretty thick cartilage on its posterior or articular fide.

Q. What are the cartilages of the tibia?

A. The tibia has four or five proper cartilages and two additional ones; the former are those of the two fuperior furfaces of the head of the tibia, that which covers the fmall furface on the lower part of the external condyle; also that which covers the lower furface of the basis of the tibia, continued over the outfide of the inner ancle; and there are likewise fuperficial cartilaginous incrustations on the back part of both ancles for the passage of tendons. The additional cartilages of the tibia are two in number, called femi-lunar or inter-articular, in the shape of a C : they lie on the two upper furface: of the head of the tibia.

Q. What cartilages has the fibula?

A. Two; one lying on the upper extremity

of that bone, the other covers the infide of the inferior extremity, or of the outer ancle.

Q. What are the cartilages of the bones of the foot?

A. The aftragalus is covered by three cartilages; the first of these is for the articulation of this bone with the tibia and fibula; the fecond for the os calcis; and the third for the os fcaphoides vel naviculare. The os calcis has four cartilages, of which three are fuperior, one large and two fmall, for its triple articulation with the aftragalus; the fourth is anterior, for the os cuboides. The os naviculare has two cartilages, one posterior for its articulation with the aftragalus; and one anterior, divided into three parts for the three offa cuneiformia. The os cuboides has two remarkable cartilages, one posterior for its articulation with the os calcis, and one anterior for its articulation with the two last metacarpal bones: it has likewife a cartilage on the infide for the os cuneiforme, which is next to it, and one on the lower fide. The three offa cuneiformia have each of them a posterior cartilage for their articulations with the os naviculare; and one anterior, for the three first metacarpal bones; they have likewife fmall cartilaginous furfaces on their fides, for their articulations with each other; and befides, the first and third bones are joined thereby to the lateral' parts of the bafis of the fecond metatarfal bone, and the third to the os cuboides. The bafes and heads of the metatarfal bones are covered with cartilages. The phalanges have cartilages in the fame manner at their bafes and heads, except

except at the heads or extremities of the laft. We should beware of confounding the remains of tendons, ligaments, and aponeurofes, with true cartilages; as for instance, at the posterior part of the os calcis, &c.

Q. What are the ligaments of the leg?

A. The ligaments of the lower extremity are those of the os femoris, patella, tibia, fibula, and bones of the foot.

Q. What are the ligaments of the os femoris?

A. The os femoris is connected by its upper extremity to the os innominatum, and by the lower to the bones of the leg, by means of feveral ligaments. The ligaments of the upper extremity are two in number; one furrounds the whole articulation, with the cotyloide cavity, or acetabulum, and one is contained in the articulation. To these we may, though very improperly, add a third, which is of the nature of a capfular ligament. The first is termed the orbicular ligament of the head of the os femoris, and is the most confiderable, largest, and strongest of all the articular ligaments of the human body: it is fixed quite round the border of the acetabulum, or cotyloide cavity, as before observed; and from thence largely furrounds the whole head and fuperior portion of the neck of the os femoris, in the lower part of which neck it is clofely inferted. The other ligament of the head of the 'os femoris, which lies in the joint, I call internal, and inter-articular. It refembles a flat cord, broad at one end, and narrow at the other;

other; by its narrow end, it is inferted at the two angles of the notch of the cotyloide cavity, and by the other in the os femoris, thefe being a fort of depression in the head of the bone for the paffage of the ligament. The ligaments of the lower extremity of the os femoris, by which this bone is connected with those of the leg, are fix in number, viz. one posterior, two lateral, two middle or crucial, and one capfular. The crucial ligaments lie within the joint, and are fixed by one end to the back part of the notch or opening, which parts the two condyles; they are furrounded by the capfular ligament, but all the reft lie on the outfide thereof, being closely joined to it. The two lateral ligaments are fixed one to each tuberofity of the condyles. The posterior ligament is fixed a little above the convexity of the external condyle, from whence it defcends obliquely behind the great notch and internal condyle. The capfular ligament, glued as it were to the three former, is fixed quite round the inferior extremity of the os femoris, just above the cartilage, and the posterior part of the great notch; and from the cartilage and notch, through the fmall fpace upward, already mentioned, it covers the bone; and afterwards is inverted downward, to form the capfula for the mucilaginous liquor of the joint. What remains to be defcribed of all these ligaments, I shall refer to the description of those of the leg.

Q. What are the ligaments of the patella? X A. The

A. The patella is fastened to the tuberosity or fpine of the tibia by a broad and very ftrong ligament, which runs down directly from the apex of the patella; it has likewife fmall lateral ligaments, fixed in the lower part of its edge on each fide, which are inferted anteriorly, and a little laterally in the edge of the head of the tibia. The capfular ligament of the joint of the knee, of which I deferibed one part in fpeaking of the lower extremity of the os femoris, is fixed round the edge of the head of the tibia, and in the edge of the patella, fo that the patella itself forms a portion of the mucilaginous capfula of the joint of the knee. The crucial ligaments, and those of the femi-lunar cartilages, are included within this capfula; but the lateral and posterior ligaments, and those of the patella, lie without it, being closely joined to its outer furface; this capfula is likewife joined to a confiderable portion of the circumference of the femi-lunar cartilages; and it not only contains and furrounds the ligaments. already named, but likewife furnishes them with a very fine vagina. There is likewife a very thin ligament fixed by one end to the lower part of the cartilaginous fide of the patella, and by the other to the anterior part of the great notch, between the condyles of the os femoris, the use of which seems to be to hinder the articular fat from being compressed in the motions of the knee.

Q. What are the ligaments of the tibia?

A. I have already observed, that the tibia is connected with the os femoris by several ligaments,

ments, two lateral, one posterior, two middle, and one capfular; and I have fhown in what manner they are fixed in the lower extremity of the os femoris and patella. Their infertion in the bones of the leg are as follows: the innermost of the two lateral ligaments is fixed pretty low down, on the inner fide of the fuperior part of the tibia. The external lateral ligament is fixed in the upper extremity of both tibia and fibula; both are joined to the edge of the femilunar cartilages, and lie a little behind the middle of the articulation. The posterior ligament is fixed by feveral expansions in the posterior part of the head of the tibia. One of the crucial ligaments is fixed by one end to the internal fuperficial impression in the notch of the os femoris, and, by the other, to the notch in the head behind the cartilaginous tubercle, which lies between the two fuperior furfaces. The other crucial ligament is fixed by one end to the external impression in the notch of the os femoris, and, by the other, between the anterior portion of the furfaces just mentioned. There are feveral other fmall ligaments, but these are the principal ones.

Q. What are the ligaments of the fibula?

A. The fibula is joined to the tibia by nine ligaments, four at each end, and one in the middle, called the interoffeous ligament. The ligaments at the upper extremity of the fibula are fhort, very ftrong, more or lefs oblique and compound; two of them are anterior, two pofterior, and they lie on each other; the fuperior ligaments furrounding the articulation more X_2 clofely 308

closely than the inferior. They are all glued to the capfular ligament, which runs in between them and the articulation, and they are inferted round the edges of the cartilaginous furfaces in each bone. The ligaments of the lower extremity of the fibula are difposed much after the fame manner, that is, two before, and two behind; which run down on the lower end of the fibula forming the outer ancle. The middle fpace between the tibia and fibula is filled by a fort of capfular ligament, which lines each fide of the bones, down to the external ancle, with the inferior edge of the basis of the tibia. The middle or interoffeous ligament of the two bones of the leg, fo called becaufe it fills up all the fpace left between them, being ftretched from one to the other. It is perforated both above and below, and fometimes in feveral places befides, for the paffage of the blood-veffels and nerves. It is not a ligament defigned to tie these bones together, but rather a ligamentary feptum for the infertion of muscles, in which refpect it fupplies the place of bones, and feems partly to be a continuation of the periofteum of the tibia and fibula. At the lower part of each ancle there are commonly three ftrong ligaments for the connection of the bones of the tarfus with these of the leg, one that runs forwards, one backwards, and one more or lefs directly downward. The other ligamentary expansions and annular ligaments of this part, as they do not belong to the bones, will be mentioned in their proper place.

Q. What are the ligaments of the foot?

A. The foot being made up of many bones, must, besides those ligaments by which it is tied to the bones of the leg, have feveral others to connect not only the three parts of which it is composed, but also the particular bones belonging to each part. I have already mentioned the infertion of three ligaments in each ancle, for the articulation of the ancles with the foot. The ligaments of the inner ancle are all fixed in the infide of the aftragalus. The anterior and middle ligaments of the outer ancle are fixed in the outfide of the aftragalus; the posterior is chiefly fixed in the outfide of the os calcis. All these ligaments lie on the outfide of the capfula, which furrounds the articulation of the aftragalus with the bones of the leg. The ligaments by which the bones of the tarfus are connected with each other, are fhort, flat, of different breadths, and run from one bone to another in various directions. The capfular ligaments of these bones go very little further than the edges of the articulations of one bone with another; they adhere very closely to the true ligaments, and are covered and tied by them. The os cuboides and the three offa cuneiformia, are also connected to the metatarfal bones, by feveral particular ligaments. The bones of the metatarfus are connected together by their bafes and heads. The first phalanges of the toes are tied to the heads of the metatarfal bones, by a fort of orbicular ligament, set round the edges of the cartilagi-X 3 nous

nous portions of the head, and those of the bases of the phalanges. The second and third phalanges of all the toes, being articulated by ginglymi, have lateral ligaments, which go between the fides of the bases to the fides of the heads. The capfular ligaments of all these articulations are disposed like those of the tarfus already spoken of. See the muscles of the foot.

Q. What are the mucilaginous glands of the leg?

A. The mucilaginous glands of the lower extremity lie in the finall fpaces, depreffions, and fuperficial notches near the edges of the cartilages of each joint; they are covered by the capfular ligaments, and more or lefs mixed with a fatty fubftance. The glands of the knee, which lie near the edges of the patella, are the most confiderable, being disposed of in form of fringes, and supported by a great quantity of fatty matter, which makes in some measure one mafs with them, and is contained within the capfular ligaments. There are other mucilaginous glands, both above and below the edges of the femi-lunar cartilages; and likewife in the ham, fome whereof ferve for the joint, the reft for the crucial ligaments. These last lie in folds formed by the internal membrane of the capfular ligament, which give particular coverings to the crucial ligaments. The mucilaginous glands of the foot answer in number and figure to the depressions between the cartilaginous edges and ligaments.

Q. What are the muscles of the leg?

A. The muscles of the lower extremities are the

the ploas magnus, iliacus internus, pectinæus, triceps femoris, glutæus maximus, glutæus medius, glutæus minimus, pyriformis, quadratus femoris, obturator internus et externus, fascia lata, gracilis, fartorius, femi-tendinofus, femimembranosus, biceps, tibiæ, popliteous, rectus tibiæ, vastus externus et internus, cruræus, gasterocnemius, plantaris, solæus, tibialis anticus et posticus, peroneus longus et brevis, extenfor pollicis pedis longus et brevis, flexor pollicis pedis longus et brevis, abductor pollicis pedis, do. transversalis, extensor digitorum pedis longus et brevis, flexor digitorum pedis brevis vel perforatus, flexor digitorum pedis longus vel perforans lumbricales pedis, abductor minimi digiti pedis, abductor fecundus minimi digiti pedis et interossei pedis.

Q. Which is the ploas magnus?

A. The ploas magnus is a long thick mulcle, fituated in the abdomen, on the lumbar region, adhering to the vertebræ of the loins, from the posterior part of the os ilium to the anterior part of the thigh. It arifes laterally from the bodies. and transverse processes of the four superior vertebræ of the loins, and the laft of the back, and is inferted with the following muscle into the leffer trochanter. This is one of the flexor muscles of the thigh, and when the ploas parvus is wanting, this is larger.

Q. Which is the iliacus internus ? A. The iliacus internus arifes from the internal concave part of the os ilium, and from its lower edge; it is inferted with the pfoas magnus, and employed in the fame action. These move the thigh forward in walking.

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Q. Which is the pectinæus?

A. The pectinæus is a fmall, flat and pretty long muscle, fituated obliquely between the os pubis and the upper part of the os femoris. It arifes from the os pubis or pectinis, near the joining of that bone with its fellow, and is inferted into the linea aspera of the thigh-bone, four fingers breadth below the leffer trochanter. This bends the thigh and turns the toes outward.

Q. Which is the triceps femoris?

A. The triceps femoris is the adductor mufcle of the thigh, having three heads and as many infertions; two arife under the pectineus, and a third from the os pubis and ifchium; and are inferted into the whole linea afpera and the inner apophyfis of the os femoris. This alfo bends the thigh and turns the toes outward.

Q. Which is the glutæus maximus?

A. The glutæus maximus arifes from the ost coccygis, the fpine of the facrum and adjoining parts; and is inferted by a ftrong tendon into the upper part of the linea afpera of the os femoris, four fingers breadth below the great trochanter. This extends the thigh, and both thefe together being contracted, occafionally affift the levatores ani in fupporting the anus.

Q. Which is the glutæus medius?

A. The glutæus medius arifeth under the former from the spine of the ilium, and is inferted into the superior and external parts of the great trochanter of the os femoris. This extends the thigh outward.

Q. Which is the glutæus minimus?

A. The glutæus minimus arifes from the ilium under the former, and is inferted into the

the fuperior and anterior part of the great trochanter, and neck of the thigh-bone, to extend the thigh. These three muscles form the buttocks.

Q. Which is the pyriformis?

A. The pyriformis vel iliacus externus, arifes from the infide of the lower part of the os facrum, and from thence it runs transversely towards the joint of the hip, and is inferted into the upper part of the finus, at the root of the great trochanter. This affilts fomewhat in extending the thigh, but more in turning it outward.

Q. Which is the quadratus femoris?

A. The quadratus femoris is fituated tranfverfely between the tuberofity of the ichium, and the great trochanter. It arifes from the obtufe procefs of the ifchium, and is inferted into the upper part of the linea afpera of the os femoris, between the two trochanters. This draws the thigh inward, and directs the toes outward.

Q. Which is the obturator internus?

A. The obturator internus vel marfupialis, arifes from the internal circumference of the hole that is between the ifehium and the os pubis, and is inferted into the finus of the great trochanter. This turns the thigh outward.

Q. Which is the obturator externus?

A. The obturator externus arifes opposite to the former, from the external circumference of the fame hole; and is also inferted into the finus of the great trochanter. This also turns the thigh outward.

These four last-mentioned muscles acting with the extensors, prevent their turning the toes inward, inward, and in stepping forwards are continually acting to turn the toes outward.

Q. Which is the fascia lata?

A. The fafcia lata vel abductor fafcialis femoris, called alfo mufculus membranofus, arifes from the fore part of the spine of the ilium. Soon after its origin it becomes entirely membranous, and clotely furrounds the muscles of the thigh; after which it is inferted in the upper part of the tibia, near the head of the fibula, and from thence fends out an aponeurofis, almost over the whole external muscles of the tibia, as those of the thigh-bone. About the middle of the leg it grows loofe, and is fo continued to the top of the foot, being connected there, and at the lower part of the leg, to the annular ligaments which tie down the tendons. When this muscle acts, the leg and thigh are drawn outwards; it also helps to extend the joints of the knee, and to elevate both the thigh and leg.

All thefe muscles I have now mentioned, ferve to move the os femoris on the pelvis.

Q. Which is the gracilis?

A. The gracilis arifes from the os pubis, close to the penis, and descending by the infide of the thigh, is inferted into the infide of the tibia, near the fartorius, four or five fingers breadth below the joint of the knee. This muscle draws the leg and thigh inwards, and helps to bend the knee.

Q. Which is the fartorius? A. The fartorius is both an abductor and elevator, ferving to move the legs upwards and forwards,

forwards, aud to crofs each other as taylors fit with them, whence the name; it arifes from the illium, and defcending obliquely is inferted into the upper and inner part of the tibia, four or five fingers breadth below the point of the knee. This is the longest muscle in the human body.

Q. Which is the femi-tendinofus?

A. The femi-tendinofus vel femi-nervofus arifes from the ifchium, and is inferted into the upper part of the tibia, near the gracilis and fartorius. It helps to bend the leg and extend the thigh.

Q. Which is the femi-membranofus?

A. The femi-membranofus is a long thin mulcle, partly tendinous, whence its name, fituated on the back fide of the thigh, a little towards the infide, being one of the five flexors of the tibia. It arifes from the ifchium a little above the femi-nervofus, and is inferted into the upper part of the tibia, but nearer the joint than the former mulcle for the fame use. Before it is inferted, it fends off fometimes an aponeurofis like that of the biceps. The femi-tendinofus and femi-membranofus make the internal ham-ftring.

Q. Which is the biceps tibiæ?

A. The biceps tibiæ, vel femoris, is a mufcle with two heads, the fuperior from the ifchium, the other from the linea afpera of the os femoris : both which join together, and are inferted by one tendon into the fuperior and external part of the fibula, to bend the leg : and the first head also extends the thigh. The tendon don of this mufcle forms the external hamftring, when the knee is bent; befides the office commonly affigned to this muscle, in bending the tibia together with the fartorius and membranofus, it is likewife employed in turning the leg, together with the foot and toes outwards, when we fit down with the knees bended.

Q. Which is the popliteus?

A. The popliteus is a fmall mufcle obliquely pyramidal, fituated under the ham, from whence its name. It arifes from the outer apophyfis of the os femoris, and thence running obliquely inward, is inferted into the backfide of the head of the tibia. It affifts the flexors, and draws the tibia towards the outer apophysis of the thighbone.

Q. Which is the rectus tibiæ? A. The rectus tibiæ vel cruris, arifes from the upper part of the acetabulum of the os inominatum, and from the proceffus inominatus of the ilium, and is inferted together with the three following muscles into the patella. It bends the thigh and extends the tibia.

Q. Which is the vaftus externus?

A. The vaftus externus is a very large flefhy muscle, almost as long as the os femoris, lying on the outfide of the thigh. It arifes from the fore part of the great trochanter, and fuperior part of the linea afpera of the os femoris, and is inferted into the upper and external part of the patella. This muscle extends the tibia.

Q. Which is the vaftus internus?

A. The vaftus internus is very like the former, and fituated in the fame manner, on the infide of the os femoris. It arifes from the linea afpera, and is inferted into the patella, to extend the tibia; and the fibres of this muscle being oblique, it keeps the patella in its place.

Q. Which is the cruræus?

A. The cruræus arifes from the fore part of the thigh-bone between the two trochanters, and lying close upon the bone, it joins its tendon with the three former muscles, which are inferted into the patella, the patella being tied down by a strong ligament to the tibia.

These three last muscles extend the tibia only, and might very properly be called extenfor tibiæ triceps.

These ten muscles not only move the leg upon the thigh, but also the thigh upon the leg, the popliteus excepted.

Q. Which is the gafterocnemius :

A. The gafterocnemius is a pretty thick, broad and oblong mufcle, which forms a great part of the calf of the leg. It arifes from the pofterior part of the os femoris, which foon becoming large bellies, unite, and then form a flat tendon, which joins the following mufcles to be inferted into the os calcis. Its use is to extend the tarfus and bend the knee.

Q. Which is the plantaris?

A. The plantaris arifes from the external condyle of the os femoris, under the outer beginning of the gasterocnemius in the ham, and soon forming a small tendon, is so continued betwixt the foregoing and subsequent muscles, and and is inferted with them. It bends the knee and extends the tarfus.

Q. Which is the folzeus?

A. The folæus vel gasterocnemius internus, arifes from the upper part of the tibia, and one third of the fibula below the popliteus, and is inferted with the two foregoing mufcles by a ftrong tendon into the upper and back part of the os calcis. This muscle only extends the tarfus.

Q. Which is the tibialis anticus?

A. The tibialis anticus is fituated on the fore fide of the leg, and is one of the flexor mufcles; it arifes from the tibia, and is inferted laterally into the internal os cuneiforme and the internal metatarfal bone. This bends and turns the tarfus inward.

Q. Which is the tibialis pofficus?

A. The tibialis posticus, or abductor muscle of the foot, arifes in the upper part of the tibia between that bone and the fibula, and going between the bones through a perforation in the interoffeous ligament, it paffes under the inner ancle, and is inferted into the os naviculare. It extends and turns inward the tarfus.

Q. Which is the peroneus longus?

A. The peroneus longus arifes from the external and fuperior part of the fibula, and its tendon paffing under the outer ancle and the muscles fituated on the bottom of the foot, is inferted into the beginning of the metatarfal bone of the great toe, and the os cuneiforme next that bone. This turns the tarfus outward, and directs the force of the other extenfors

fors of the tarfus toward the ball of the great toe.

Q. Which is the peroneus brevis?

A. The peroneus brevis arifes from the middle of the fibula, under a part of the former, paffes under the outer ancle, and is inferted into the os metatarfi of the little toe. Its use is to extend the tarfus and turn it outward.

These two last muscles, riding over the lower end of the fibula, are often the cause of a sprain in the outward ancle, when they are vehemently exerted to save a sall. These seven muscles (which Winflow divides into nine) serve to move the tarfus and foot on the leg.

Q. Which is the extensor pollicis pedis longus?

A. The extensor pollicis pedis longus arifes from the upper and fore part of the fibula, and the interoffeous ligaments, and is inferted into the last bone of the great toe. This also bends the tarfus with a much longer lever than it extends the toe.

Q. Which is the extensor pollicis pedia brevis?

A. The extensor pollicis pedis brevis arises from the fore part of the os calcis, and soon becoming a long slender tendon, it passes obliquely over the upper part of the foot, and is inferted into the same place with the former.

Q. Which is the flexor pollicis pedis longus?

A. The flexor pollicis pedis longus, is an antagonift to the extensor longus, arifing opposite to it from the back part of the fibula, and its tendon passing under the inner ancle, is inferted inferted into the last bone of the great toe. This extends the tarfus, as well as bends the toe.

Q. Which is the flexor pollicis pedis brevis?

A. The flexor pollicis pedis brevis arifes from the two leffer offa cuneiformia, the os cuboides and os calcis. This muscle is inferted into the offa fefamoidea, which are tied by a ligament to the first bone of the great toe, reckoning only two bones to the great toe. These muscles bend the great toe.

Q. Which is the abductor pollicis pedis?

A. The abductor pollicis pedis arifes from the os calcis and os naviculare, and paffing by the os cuneiforme majus, and the external fefamoid bone of the great toe, it is inferted into the first bone of the great toe. This muscle is lefs an abductor than a flexor; it also very much helps to constrict the foot length-ways.

Q. Which is the abductor pollicis pedis transversalis?

A. The abductor pollicis pedis transversalis, arifes from the lower end of the metatarfal bone of the toe next the least, and is inferted into the internal fefamoid bone. This truly is an abductor of the great toe, and helps to keep the constrictor of the bottom of the foot.

Q. Which is the extensor digitorum pedis longus?

A. The extensor digitorum pedis longus arifes from the upper part of the tibia, and from the fibula and icteroffeous ligaments, then dividing into five tendons: four of them are inferted into the fecond bone of each leffer toe, and

and the fifth into the beginning of the metatarfal bone of the leaft toe. The four first tendons only of this muscle extend the toes, but the whole five bend the tarfus.

Q. Which is the extensor digitorum brevis? A. The extensor digitorum brevis arises, together with the extensor pollicis brevis, from the os calcis, and dividing into three small tendons, is inferted into the second joint of the three toes next the great one.

The long extensors of the toes ferve not only to extend them, but also contribute to the bending of the ancle; but the short extensors arising below the ancle, extend the toes only.

Q. Which is the flexor digitorum pedis brevis vel perforatus pedis ?

A. The flexor digitorum pedis brevis vel perforatus pedis, is the flexor of the fecond phalanx, and is the inmost of all the common muscles of the toes. It arifes from the under and back part of the os calcis, thence passing towards the four leffer toes, dividing into four tendons, which are inferted into the beginning of the fecond bone or phalanx of each of the leffer toes. These tendons are divided or perforated to let through the tendons of the following muscles.

Q. Which is the flexor digitorum pedis longus vel perforans?

A. The flexor digitorum pedis longus vel perforans, is the flexor of the third phalanx. It rifes from the back part of the tibia, above the infertion of the popliteus, and part of the fibula; thence defcending under the os calcis to the bottom

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of the foot, it there becomes tendinous, often croffes, and in most bodies communicates with the flexor longus pollicis pedis; then it divides into four tendons, which pass through those of the flexor brevis, and are inferted into the third bone of the four leffer toes. This muscle also extends the tarfus.

The fecond beginning of this muscle arises from the os calcis, and joins the tendons where they divide. This portion only bends the toes.

Q. Which is the lumbricales pedis?

A. The lumbricales pedis are the flexors of the first phalanx, and arise from the tendons of the perforans; they are inferted into the first bone of each of these lesser toes, which they bend.

Q. Which is the abductor minimi digiti pedis?

A. The abductor minimi digiti pedis arifes by the perforatus from the os calcis, and being part of it inferted into the metatarfal bone of the leaft toe, it receives another beginning from the os cuboides, and is inferted into the first bone of the least toe, which it bends and pulls outward, and very much helps to constrict the bottom of the foot.

Q. Which is the abductor fecundus minimi digiti pedis?

A. The abductor fecundus minimi digiti pedis, arifes under the former muscle from the metatarsal bone, and is inferted into the little toe.

Q. What are the interoffei pedis?

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A. The interoffei pedis are feven muscles like those of the hands, arising like them from the metatarfal bones, and are inferted into the last joints of the four lesser toes; being in their progrefs attached to the tendons, which extend the fecond joints of the toes, they will extend both these joints. These muscles may be fitly divided into external and internal; the internal also bend the first joints, as do all the interoffei in the hand; but here the outer ones extend the first joints. The muscles that move the fingers and leffer toes fideways, are alike in number, though this motion of the toes is in a manner loft from the use of shoes. The muscles that bend or extend the laft joints of the toes, will also move the fecond and first, and those that move the second will also move the first, as they do the fingers.

Q. What are the arteries of the leg?

A. The arteries of the thigh, leg, and foot, are, the arteria cruralis, pudica externa, poplitea, tibialis, anterior et posterior vel suralis, plantaris externa et interna, and peronæa.

Q. Which is the arteria cruralis?

A. The iliac artery (which fee) goes out of the abdomen, between the ligamentum Fallopii and tendon of the ploas, at the union of the os ilium and os pubis, and there it takes the name of arteria cruralis. It fends off, first of all, three fmall branches; one of which, called pudica externa, goes over the crural vein to the skin and ligament of the penis, and to the inguinal glands, communicating with the pudica interna. The fecond branch goes to the musculus Y 2 pectineus:

pectineus : and the third, to the upper part of the fartorius. All these branches furnish likewife the neighbouring anterior integuments. Afterwards the crural artery runs down on the head of the os femoris, and gets on the infide of the crural vein, about three fingers breadth from where it goes out of the abdomen. In this progrefs it is covered only, by the fkin and fat, and lies on the pectineus and triceps femoris. In changing its fituation, it fends out the three following confiderable branches : the external branch runs on the upper fide of the thigh to the crureus vastus externus, rectus tibiæ, fascia lata, and glutæus medius. The middle branch runs down on the infide of the thigh, between the heads of the triceps, to which muscle it is distributed, a ramification of which perforates the triceps; and is diffributed to the glutæus maximus, femi-tendinofus, femimembranofus, biceps, and to the neighbouring integuments. The internal branch runs backward on the quadrigemini, towards the great trochanter; and having fent a branch into the joint of the os femoris, it then runs downward, and is ramified on all the muscles that lie on the backfide of that bone, one of which enters the bone itself on one fide of the linea afpera. The arteria cruralis having detached all these branches runs down between the fartorius, vastus internus, and triceps, giving branches to all the parts near it. It is covered by the fartorius all the way to the lower part of the thigh, where it is inflected backward over the triceps a little above the internal condyle of the os femoris. Afterward,

Afterward, continuing its course through the hollow of the ham, it is called poplitea.

Q. How is the arteria poplitea diffributed?

A. The arteria poplitea, while in the ham, is covered only by the integument, fending off branches toward each fide, fome to the joint of the knee, one of which, at least, passes between the crucial ligaments. As it runs down it fends branches to the gasterocnemii and popliteus; and at the backfide of the head of the tibia, fends off a branch to each fide. Before the poplitea ends, it fends a fmall artery down on the backfide of the interoffeous ligament, very near the tibia, into which it enters by a particular hole a little above the middle portion of the bone. As the poplitea ends, it divides into two principal branches, one of which runs between the heads of the tibia and fibula, paffing from behind, forwards, on the interoffeous ligament, where it takes the name of tibialis anterior. The fecond branch divides into two others, the internal and largest called tibialis posterior; the other named peronæa posterior,

Q. How is the arteria tibialis anterior diftributed?

A. The arteria tibialis anterior, having paffed between the heads of the tibia and fibula, fends fmall branches upward and laterally. Afterwards this tibial artery runs down on the fore fide of the interoffeous ligament, toward the outfide of the tibia, between the musculus tibialis anticus and extenfor pollicis, for about two thirds of the length of the tibia, when it paffes on the fore fide, under the common annular liga-Y 3 ment, ment, and extenfor pollicis pedis, to the articulation of the foot; which giving off feveral branches to the right and left, and communicating with the tibialis posterior and peronæa pofterior, fo that these two are in a manner furrounded by arteries. At the joint of the foot it fends out branches, which run between the aftragalus and os calcis, being distributed to the articulation and to the bones of the tarfus: the communications are here very numerous on all fides. Having paffed the fold of the foot it fends off other branches on both fides, which communicating with others, make a kind of circle round the tarfus. Afterwards the tibialis anterior advances on the convex fide of the foot, as far as the interffice between the first and fecond metatarfal bones; between the heads of which, a large branch of it perforates the fuperior interoffeous muscles, and forms an arch on the fide of the foot. It likewife fends two or three confiderable branches over the other metatarfal bones. Laftly, this artery terminates by two principal branches, one of which goes to the thenar, and infide of the great toe; the other is fpent upon the outfide of the great toe, and the middle of the fecond toe.

Q. How is the tibialis posterior vel suralis distributed?

A. The tibialis posterior vel furalis, proceeding from the poplitea, as before observed, runs down between the folæi, tibialis posticus flexor, digitorum communis and flexor pollicis, giving branches to these muscles, to the tibia, and to the marrow of that bone, through a particular canal

canel in its posterior and upper part. Afterwards it runs behind the inner ancle, communicating with the tibialis anterior, then passes to the fole of the foot, and divides into two branches, one large or external, and the other fmall or internal, called plantaris externa, et plantaris interna.

The great branch, or plantaris externa, paffes on the concave fide of the os calcis, obliquely under the fole of the foot, to the bafis of the fifth metatarfal bone, and from thence runs in a kind of arch toward the great toe: the convex fide of this arch fupplies both fides of the laft three toes, and the outfide of the fecond toe, forming fmall communicating arches at the end, and fometimes at the middle of each toe, as in the hand. The concave fide of the arch furnifhes the neighbouring parts.

The finall branch, or arteria plantaris interna, having reached beyond the middle of the fole of the foot, is divided into two; one goes to the great toe, the other to the first phalanges of the other toes, communicating with the ramifications from the arch already mentioned.

Q. How is the peronæa diffributed?

A. The arteria peronæa, proceeding from the poplitea as before mentioned, runs down on the backfide of the fibula, between the folæus and flexor pollicis, to which, and to the neighbouring parts, it gives branches in its paffage all the way down to the os calcis, where it forms an arch with the tibialis pofterior, between the aftragalus and the tendo achillis; and from thence it runs outward, and a little above the outer Y_{4} ancle communicates with the tibialis anterior by an arch, which fends feveral ramifications to the neighbouring parts.

In the defcription of the arteries throughout this work, I have faid nothing of the cutaneous anaftomofes, which are exceedingly beautiful in the fœtus; nor of the frequent and confiderable communications of fmall arteries upon the periofteum, which form a delicate kind of network.

Q. What are the veins of the leg?

A. The veins of the thigh, leg, and foot, are the vena cruralis, faphena, fciatica, faphena minor, poplitea, tibialis anterior et posterior vel furalis, plantares, and peronea.

Q. Which is the crural vein?

A. The vena cruralis goes out under the ligamentum Fallopii, on the infide of the crural artery, and immediately gives fmall branches to the inguinal glands, musculus pectineus, and parts of generation, which last are termed pudicæ externæ. About an inch below where it leaves the abdomen, it produces a large branch, which runs down anteriorly between the integuments and the fartorius almost all the way to the infide of the thigh, and from the condyles of the os femoris, it runs between the integuments and inner angle of the tibia to the fore part of the inner ancle, and is distributed to the foot under the name of vena faphena, or faphena major. After giving out the faphena, the cruralis finks in between the muscles, and is distributed to all the inner or deep parts of the lower extremity, accompanying the crural artery to

to the very extremity of the foot, being all along more confiderable than the artery.

Q. How is the vena faphena, or faphena major diftributed?

A. The faphena major, arifing from the cruralis, as before-mentioned, in its paffage from the inguen to the foot, is covered only by the skin and fat; and after supplying the inferior inguinal glands and integuments, it runs down on the thigh as low as the middle of the fartorius, where it fends off feveral branches; and a little below the ham it runs in among the mufcles fituated there, and communicates with another branch, which may be termed faphena minor. Afterwards the trunk of the great faphena runs down on the infide of the tibia, lying always near the fkin; and at the upper part of that bone, it fends branches forward, outward, and backward. The anterior branches go to the integuments on the upper part of the leg; the posterior, to those which cover the gasterocnemii, and the external branches alfo to the fat. and integuments. About the middle of the tibia, it gives out a branch anteriorly, which runs along the integuments of the tibia all the way to the outer ancle; and as the faphena runs down on the infide of the tibia, it fends off branches to the neighbouring parts, and to the periofteum of the bone. At the lower part of the tibia, the faphena fends out a confiderable branch obliquely forward over the joint of the tarfus, toward the outer ancle, fending off feveral branches. Laftly, the extremity of this trunk paffes on the fore fide of the inner ancle, and runs under the fkin Ikin along the interffice between the first two metatarfal bones toward the great toe, where the vein terminates; but before it terminates at the great toe, it forms a kind of arch over the metatarfus, which communicates by feveral branches with the arch on the joint of the tarfus, and fends others to the toes.

Q. Which is the vena fciatica?

A. The fciatic vein arifes from the crural, about the upper extremity of the mulculus vaftus internus, and runs down on the fide of the crural trunk, covering the crural artery, almost as low as the ham, where it is again united to the trunk by an anaftomofis. It has the name of fciatica from the fciatic nerve which it accompanies.

Q. Which is the vena faphena minor, and how diffributed?

A. The vena faphena minor vel externa, arifes on the outfide of the anaftomofis of the fciatic with the crural before-mentioned, and runs backward between the biceps and neighbouring mufcles, and fo down the backfide of the leg, very near the fkin, all the way to the outer ancle. In its courfe downward it fends off a branch about the middle of the backfide of the thigh; and immediately above and below the ham, this vein fends out other branches, which all communicate with the faphena major. About the beginning of the tendon achillis, the little faphena runs outward in the integuments, toward the outer ancles, where it terminates in cutaneous ramifications fent to every fide.

Q. Which is the vena poplitea?

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A. The crural vein, a little above the ham, takes the name of poplitea, and as it runs down between the two condyles, it gives branches to the flexor muscles of the leg, and is ramified like the artery: afterwards it loses its name, being divided into three confiderable branches, called tibialis anterior, tibialis posterior, and peronæa; of which the tibialis posterior is most frequently a continuation of the trunk, and the other two like branches.

Q. How is the tibialis anterior diffributed?

A. The tibialis anterior, having fent fome fmall branches to the mufcles behind the heads of the two bones of the leg, perforates the interoffeous ligament, and runs between the fuperior portions of the mufculus tibialis anticus, and extenfor digitorum pedis, fending off fmall fuperficial branches to the head of the tibia and fibula, and to the joint of the knee, which communicate with the lateral branches of the poplitea; afterwards it divides into two or three branches, which, with the anterior tibial artery, furrounds it by fmall communicating circles. Thefe branches, having reached the lower extremity of the leg, unite in one, which are afterwards ramified in the foot.

Q. How is the vena tibialis posterior vel furalis distributed?

A. The pofterior tibial vein fends off a branch from its origin toward the infide, to the gafterocnemii and folæus mufcles, named furalis. Afterward the pofterior tibialis runs down between the folæus and tibialis pofticus, giving branches to each of them. It is divided in the fame manner manner as the tibialis anterior, and accompanies the artery as low as the outer ancle, furnishing the musculus tibialis posticus and the long flexors of the toes. Laftly, it passes on the infide of the os calcis, under the fole of the foot, where it forms the vena plantares, fending ramifications to the toes nearly in the fame manner as the arteriæ plantares.

Q. How is the vena peronæa diftributed ? .

A. The vena peronæa is likewife double, and fometimes triple, and proceeds from the poplitea as before observed : it runs down on the infide of the fibula, in the fame manner as the arteria peronæa, which it likewife furrounds, by communicating branches, after the manner of the tibiales. It runs down as low as the outer ancle, fending ramifications to the musculi peronæa, and long flexors of the toes.

Q. What are the nerves of the leg?

A. The principal nerves are the crural and fciatic. The anterior crural nerve is formed by the union of branches, from the first, second, third, and fourth lumbar nerves, which running along the musculus ploas, escapes with the large blood-veffels out of the abdomen, and is diftributed to the muscles and teguments on the fore part of the thigh : one branch of this crural nerve accompanies the vena faphena as far as the ancle. The fituation of the kidney upon, and the courfe of the ureter over these nerves, is the reason that in a nephritis the trunk of the body cannot be raised erect without great pain, that the thigh lofes its fenfibility, and that it is drawn forwards. The remainder of the fourth and the fifth lumbar nerves join with the first, fecond,

fecond, and third, that proceed from the os facrum: these five when united, conftitute the largest nerve of the body, so well known by the name of sciatic, or ischiatic nerve, which seems to be bigger in proportion than the nerves of any other part. When this nerve is obstructed, we see how unable we are to support ourselves, or to walk.

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The fciatic nerve then goes out at the large hollow, behind the great tubercle of the os ifchium, and paffing over the quadrigemini muscles, runs down the posterior part of the thigh, giving off every where as it goes nerves to the teguments and muscles of the thigh and leg. At the ham it fplits into two, the fmaller mounting over the fibula, and ferving the peronæi, flexores pedis, and extenfores digitorum, is continued to the toes; the larger trunk finks under the gafterocnemii, and then divides; one is spent on the muscles of the back of the leg and teguments, while the other is continued by the inner ancle to the foot, and then fubdivides; one branch is distributed after the fame manner as the ulnaris, and the other as the radialis in the hand.

Q. What are the glands of the leg?

A. The principal are the inguinal glands, fituated in each fide in the groin, near the crural veffels, and are in various difeafes apt to grow tumid and inflamed. Abfceffes are often formed in them; but their use in the body is not eafily understood.

About the flexure of the knee and foot, there are also found here and there fome fmall glands;

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as alfo in fome places between and among the muscles; but these are here omitted, for the reason I have before mentioned.

DIALOGUE VIII.

Of the PARTS of GENERATION in both Sexes.

Q. WHAT are the parts of generation in men?

A. The parts of generation in men, are the teftes, veficulæ feminales, proftatæ, and penis; to which may be added the urethra, common to both men and women.

Q. What are the teftes?

A. The teftes, or tefticles, feparate the feed from the blood, and are two oval glandular bodies feated in the fcrotum, which is the external coat or covering, made up of the epidermis and cutis, and immediately under the latter is a thick cellular texture clofely adhering to it. The loofe membrane immediately underneath the fcrotum is called dartos, which invelopes each tefficle fingly, and forms a feptum or partition between the two: it is also wholly cellular, without muscular fibres, and without fat. Under the dartos is the cremaster muscle, (see page 189) one to each tefficle: it is probably owing to the action of this muscle, that the fcrotum is gathered up into rugæ by cold; as neither the Epididymis it is a lody ortuated or uppe Traint of y Ja

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ferotum nor dartos are furnished with muscular fibres, as before observed. Under this muscle is the first of the proper integuments, or coats, or ch called proceffus vaginalis, tunica vaginalis, and · elythroides; which is formed by the dilatation of the productions of the external membranes of the peritonæum through the abdominal rings: this coat is continued from the peritonæum to the tefticle, which it embraces loofely, the whole body of the tefticle adhering to one end of the epididymis, hereafter mentioned : it enclofes the fpermatic veins and arteries, termed vafa preparantia; and likewife those veffels which convey the femen from the tefticles to the vesiculæ seminales, called vafa deferentia; but it is divided by a feptum, or an adhefion immediately above the tefficle, fo that no liquor can pass out of that part of this membrane (which encloses the spermatic veffels) into that which encloses the testicle. Large quantities of water (which is termed the hydropfis teftis) are fometimes found in either or both of these cavities, which difease is eafily remedied by a puncture with a lancet, but rarely cured without opening the cavity where the water is contained, as in finous ulcers: the true hernia aquofa is from the abdomen, which either extends the peritonæum into the fcrotum, or breaks it, and then forms a new membrane, which thickens as it extends, as in the aneurifinal and atheromatous tumours. The dropfy in this cyft, for fuch it properly is, rarely admits of more than a palliative cure, by puncture or tapping, like the dropfy of the abdomen, and this with fome Joge Junic: Vagin is called becau

fome difficulty, becaufe the omentum ufually, and fometimes the gut, defcends with it. The other proper and laft coat, which immediately encloses the tefticles, is called albuginea, from its white colour; it is ftrong and thick, very finooth and equal: and the branches of the vala preparantia are finely weaved upon it. The fubstance, or kernelly part of the testicles, is of a white colour, and of a pretty firm texture, univerfally allowed to be a continuation of the evanescent branches of the spermatic artery, rolled up together. It is divided into more than twenty portions or clufters feparated from one another by as many partitions, which are productions of the albuginea; each cluster between two partitions terminates in one duct, which ducts (above twenty in number) meeting together, form a kind of net-work adhering to the albuginea: from this net-work arife ten or twelve other distinct ducts, which uniting, constitute the head or beginning of the epididymis, and quickly by their conflux form one larger duct; this fingle duct makes a roundish hard body on the upper and posterior part of the testicle, called epididymis, as it were an additional tefticle; and at length terminates in the vas deferens; from whence it is evident the epididymi are the beginning of the vafa deferentia, which are excretory ducts to carry the elaborated feed into the veficulæ feminales. They pass from the epididymi of the testicles, together with the blood-veffels, through the abdominal rings, all enveloped in one common the oasa deflerentia unmediately matic the Tunita allonginca are hode the Testicles the Inhili of m

matic cord or rope. When they have entered the abdomen, they separate from the spermatic veffels, and pafs directly through the pelvis, close to the bladder, to the veficulæ seminales. The spermatic veins and arteries are termed vafa preparantia, as before observed : the spermatic artery (one on each fide) arifes from the aorta descendens inferior, as mentioned in the defcription of that artery: it is the fmalleft artery in the whole body for the length it runs : the fpermatic veins accompany the arteries through the abdominal rings to the teftis : and as there is no red blood found in the fubftance of the teftis within the albuginea, most certainly fecretion begins immediately upon the entry of the arterial twigs into that fubftance : thefe arteries, unlike all others, arife fmall, and dilate in their progrefs, that the velocity of the blood may be fufficiently abated for the fecretion of fo viscid a fluid as the feed. The right tefficle returns its vein into the cava, and the left into the emulgent vein on the fame fide as before mentioned; both becaufe it is the readieft nourse, and because this spermatic vein may not be obliged to crofs the aorta, whofe pulfe would be fubject to ftop the blood, which returns from the tefticles very flowly, by reafon of the narrow orifices of the fpermatic arteries, and the largeness of the veins. The testicles' have many lymphæducts, which difcharge themselves into the inguinal glands. Their nerves come from the intercostal, and twenty-first of the spine. The spermatic arteries carry the blood from the aorta to the Norm the vas differens white tefficles.

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tefficles, which feparate that part of it which is fit for feed. The veins carry back to the cava what blood remains after the fecretion of the feed. The feed is farther purified in the epididymes, and in coition is carried by the vafa deferentia into the urethra.

Q. What are the veficulæ feminales ?

A. The veficulæ feminales are two membranous bags or receptacles, one on each fide, fituated at the lower and pofterior part of the neck of the bladder, into which the femen is received from the vas deferens, and there depofited and accumulated, till it is thrown out by the urethra in the venereal act. They are each of them one uninterrupted cavity, fhut at one end, and fending out a duct at the other, into which duct the vas deferens opens. The external membrane is made up of mufcular fibres, which in time of coition contract and prefs the veficulæ, ejecting the feed through the proftate glands into the urethra.

The feed paffes in time of coition from the vafa deferentia, as well as from thefe receptacles; for when the ducts into the urethra are diftended, that is the direct courfe from the vafa deferentia, as well as from the veficulæ feminales.

Q. What are the proftatæ?

A. The proftatæ are two glands in men, or rather one, about the fize of a walnut. Thefe glands lie between the veficulæ feminales and penis, under the offa pubis, almost within the pelvis, furrounding and closely embracing the beginning of the urethra. They feparate a limpid glutinous humour, which is carried into the the urethra by feveral ducts, which enter near those of the prostatæ This liquor is thrown into the urethra in the act of generation, along with the semen, and is mixed with it, to make it flow more easily. If the venereal infection reaches the prostate glands, it will sometimes make large absceffes, which are apt to form finuses, and even make a passage into the bladder. It is often cured by opening the finuses, and confuming the diseased parts by escharotics: but a much better and easier way is to cut out all the fiftulous and diseased parts at once.

Q. What is the penis?

A. The shape, fituation, and use of the penis are fo well known, as to need no defcription. The fubstance of the penis is composed of two spongious bodies, called corpora cavernofa, part of the urethra, the glans or nut at its extremity, and its integuments. The two corpora cavernofa vel spongiofa, (which during erection make the chief bulk of the penis) arife from the os pubis, on each fide, and are continued to the root of the glans: they arife diftinct, but are foon after united, divided only by a feptum its whole length; it is ftrongly connected to the os pubis by a fmall ligament, which arifes from its back. They take their name from being porous like fponge, and capable of being enlarged by the blood penetrating their fubstance, which forms a fort of loofe net-work internally, upon which the branches of the blood-veffels are curioufly spread. When the blood is stopped in the great veins of the penis, that which comes by Z 2 the the arteries runs through feveral fmall holes in the fide of their capillary branches into the cavities of the net-work, by which means the corpora cavernofa become diftended, and the penis erected.

The gland of the penis, though in appearance a part of its body, is in reality a continuation of the fpongy fubftance of the urethra, reflected over its extremity, and expanded in the form we fee. It is covered over with a thin epidermis, under which there are numerous nervous papillæ, which render it extremely fenfible. The integuments of the penis are, first the cuticula and cutis, which being folded back, and adhering round the root of the glans, form the præputium or fore-fkin; the fmall ligament, by which the præputium is tied to the other fide of the glans, is called frænum; the use of the præputium is to keep the glans foft and moift, that it may have the more exquifite fense. Under the common integument above mentioned the penis hath a proper coat covering all its body, from the glans exclusive backwards : it is of a tough tendinous texture. On the upper fide of the penis are two arteries, and one vein called vena ipfius penis. The arteries are derived from the hypogaftrics, and the vein runs alfo back to the iliac veins. It has two nerves from the os facrum, and feveral lymphatics, which empty themfelves into the inguinal glands.

Q. What is the urethra?

A. The urethra is a canal which runs along the under-fide of the corpora cavernofa, through which which both the urine and feed pass; it begins at the neck of the bladder, and runs in a furrow between the two corpora fpongiolo penis to the extremity of the glans. Its whole length, without the erection of the penis, is about twelve or thirteen inches; its thickness about that of a goofe-quill. It confifts of two thick ftrong membranes, with a spongy texture between them : its beginning at the neck of the bladder, is furrounded and covered by the proftatæ, as hath been faid; at its emerfion from which gland it becomes thicker and wider for the length of an inch, which thick part is called its bulb, from the refemblance it bears to a bulbous root. Its inner membrane is pierced with many holes here and there, through which, from a glandular apparatus in the spongy substance of the urethra, a mucilaginous liquor is furnished, ferving to defend it against the acrimony of the urine. Besides thefe orifices, which fome call lacunæ, Cowper, in a particular treatife, hath defcribed and beautifully delineated three glands, two near the bulb of the urethra, one on each fide, about the bignefs of a pea, and a third, lefs than the other two, at the bending the urethra, under the os pubis. The first two are often found; but fometimes wanting or very finall; the third is but feldom met with by the best anatomifts. Where they exift, they probably ferve for the fame use as the other lacunæ. Women, though their urethra is fhorter and wider, are not without the fame kind of lacunæ, ferving for the fame use, and liable to Z 3 the the fame infection I shall prefently mention. All these glands have excretory ducts into the urethra, and from them are fecreted all the matter which flows from the urethra in a gonorrhæa, whether venereal or not. In the venereal infection, the urethra and the glands are first inflamed by the contagious matter, that caufes a heat of urine, which abates as foon as the glands begin to discharge freely; but if by chance this difease continues till any part of the urethra is ulcerated, the ulcer never heals without a cicatrix, which constricts the urethra, and occasions what is vulgarly called a caruncle.

Q. What are the parts of generation proper to women?

A. The parts of generation proper to women are generally divided into external and internal. The external parts of generation in women are the mons veneris, which is that rifing of fat covered with hair, above the vulva or rima magna, upon the os pubis; the great doubling of the fkin on each fide the rima is called labia pudendi, which is only the fkin fwelled by the fat underneath. These lips being a little separated, there appear the nymphæ, one on each fide the rima. In the angle which the nymphæ form in the great chink next the os pubis, is the extremity of the clitoris, ftrait under which appears the meatus urinarius, or orifice of the urethra. On the opposite fide next the anus are the glandulæ myrtiformes, fituated in the fossa magna, or interior cavity of the pudendum muliebre; and in this angle of the chink, there is a ligament called the fork, which is torn in the first birth.

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Q. What are the nymphæ?

A. The nymphæ are two membranous parts, fituated interiorly on each fide the rima; these two fmall bodies are red, and fomewhat refemble the membranes, or wattles under a cock's throat; they are fometimes fmaller, fometimes larger, and are continuous to the præputium of the clitoris. The nymphæ are spongious in their internal fubstance, and full of blood-veffels, and therefore they fwell in coition; they receive veffels and nerves as the clitoris. The nymphæ are full of nervous papillæ, whence their quick fenfe; they have also fmall glands that fecrete a fatty matter. Their use feems to be to increase the pleasure in coition; to direct the course of the urine; and to defend the internal parts from external injuries. They are bigger in married women than in maids. The nymphæ are fometimes fo large, as not only to hang without the labia pudendi, but alfo to prove very troublefome, fo as to require extirpation. Though this operation is rarely found neceffary in our parts of the world, it is frequently practifed in the Eaft; being properly the circumcifion of women.

Q. What is the clitoris?

A. The clitoris, (which fome call mentula muliebris) is fituated in the fore part of the vulva, at the angle which the nymphæ form with each other. It is generally about the bigness of the uvula, and its fhape much refembles the fhape of that part, yet it is fometimes found as large as the penis: but even in this cafe it has no urethra; for though it has a glans Z 4 like

like the penis, it is not perforated. The prepuce, covering the glans of the clitoris, is formed of the cutis of the pudendum, and furnished with nervous papillæ : hence it is of exquifite fenfibility to the touch. The clitoris, in its common natural state, lies entirely buried under the skin or prepuce; no part of it appearing but its extremity covered with the præputium. The fubstance of the clitoris is composed of two spongious bodies, such as those of the penis; they arise distinctly from the lower part of the os pubis, and foon after unite and form the body of the clitoris and its glans, which is of exquisite sense, as already mentioned. Before these spongious bodies unite, they are called crura, as those of the penis : the two muscles which are faid to erect the clitoris in coition, in the fame manner as the mufcles of the penis erect that part, are already spoken of. The glans of the clitoris is usually covered with a foetid matter, like that of the glans of the penis. It is also connected to the os pubis by a ligament, in the fame manner as the penis is in men. The clitoris receives veins and arteries from the hæmorrhoidal veffels and the pudenda; and nerves from the intercoftals, which are likewife diffributed through all the parts of the vulva. The use of the clitoris is to produce a titilation in coition, and it is faid to be the chief feat of pleafure to women in that act, as the glans is in men.

Q. What are the internal parts of generation in women?

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A. The internal parts of generation in women are the vagina, uterus or womb, ovaries, and Fallopian tubes. A little lower than the clitoris, between it and the vagina, or rather juft within the vagina, is the orifice of the urethra, termed meatus urinarius. The urethra in women is the fame as in men, only fhorter, wider, and more ftrait; it is naturally as big as a goofequill.

Q. What is the vagina?

A. The vagina, or neck of the womb, is a large canal which reaches from the external orifice, or os pudendi, to the internal mouth of the uterus. It is ufually about five or fix fingers breadth long in maids, and one and a half broad; but it varies in different fubjects, and in married women who have borne children; its length and bignefs cannot be determined; because it lengthens in the time a woman is with child, and it dilates in the time of birth. The texture of the vagina is membranous, being composed of two membranes, of which the inner, which lines its cavity, is nervous, and full of wrinkles and fulci, especially in its fore part. It has three or four fmall glands on that fide next the rectum, which pour into it a vifcous humour in time of copulation. The rugæ or wrinkles of this membrane, are for the friction of the balanus or glans penis, to increase the pleafure in coition, both to the man and woman; and to render the part capable of the neceffary dilatation in parturition. Thefe rugæ are largeft in maids; in married women they are much fainter, and feem as if worn down; and

and in women who have borne children, they are almost entirely obliterated. The external membrane of the vagina is made of muscular fibres, which, as occasion requires, dilate and contract, become long or fhort, for adjusting its cavity to the length and bignefs of the penis. The lower part, or orifice of the vagina, is connected with a sphincter that it may grasp the penis clofely : (See muscul. fphincter, vaginæ) and to the abundance of nervous papillæ in the inner membrane, is owing its quick fenfation. The ofcular orifices of the excretory ducts of the glands, fituated under the rugæ of the vagina before mentioned, are called lacunæ: thefe glands are the feat of a gonorrhœa in women, as the glands in the urethra are in the male. The vagina receives veins and arteries from the hypogastric and hæmorrhoidal vessels. It has nerves from the os facrum.

Near the beginning of the vagina, immediately behind the orifice of the meatus urinarius, is fituated a valve, called Hymen, (from the god of marriage, in the heathen mythology) which commonly paffes among us for a teft of virginity. The following is Mr. Chefelden's description of it : the hymen is a valve constantly found in the vagina of children, which, looking towards the orifice of the vagina, clofes it; but as children grow up, and the fphincter vaginæ grows ftrong enough to contract and close the orifice of the vagina, this valve becoming useless ceases to increase, and is there known by the name of glandulæ or carunculæ myrtiformes. There have been a few

few inftances in which the edges of this growing together, it continued unperforated, until it has been neceffary to make an incifion to let out the menfes. Betwixt the vagina and urethra in women, there is a compact cellular fubftance, which Bartholine fays is glandular, but it does not appear to be fo: he alfo calls it the female proftate. Some have named it Bartholine's proftate gland, from his firft noticing it as being glandular. When by an abfcefs in this part fometimes occafion a dribbling of urine, which paffes from the urethra through the vagina.

Q. What is the uterus?

A. The uterus or womb, is feated at the end of the vagina, and lies also between the bladder and rectum. The os pubis is a fence to it before, the os facrum behind, and the ilium on each fide, thefe forming as it were a bason for it, termed the pelvis; but because it must fwell whilst women are with child, there is a greater fpace between these bones than in men; and for this reafon it is, that women are bigger in the haunches than men. It fhould be noted, that in infancy the pelvis is fmaller in proportion than in adults; whence the vifcera which are wholly in the pelvis of adults, are feated higher in infants. In infancy the womb is placed above the pubis, but gradually defcends as the pelvis enlarges, fo that in adult women who are not pregnant, nor otherwife difordered, the womb is entirely funk into the pelvis. The figure of the uterus is like a pear. from its internal orifice to its bottom; in women not with child, the length of the uterus

is about three inches; its breadth in the upper part two, and in the lower part one inch; its thicknefs is about an inch and a half; in maids, indeed, the uterus is much fmaller than this, (the cavity being about the fize of a fmall almond :) but in women with child it is larger, according to the time of gestation. It presses the bowels, and reaches to the navel towards the time of delivery; whilft at other times it does not rife above the os farrum. The upper and broader part of the uterus is called the fundus; and the lower part, into which the vagina opens, is termed the cervix : its orifice into the vagina is called os uteri, and by fome os tincæ, from the refemblance it bears to a tench's mouth; it may be also compared to the mouth of a young puppy dog, and the glans penis. This internal mouth of the womb is very fmall in virgins, but in women who have had children, or who are with child, it is larger; and in the last it is always closed up with a glutinous humour. In the time of delivery, it in a wonderful manner expands itfelf, fo as to give paffage to the child. The fubstance of the womb is vafcular, being composed of a various plexus of flefhy fibres, with a great number of veffels between : in women not with child it is compact and firm : in those with child it is fpongy and finuous, and is capable of wonderful dilatation, without any diminution of its thicknefs. .Its bottom, or fundus, grows thick as it dilates, fo that in the laft months of geftation it is at leaft an inch thick, where the placenta adheres, becaufe its roots run into the fubstance

fubstance of the womb. The uterus is covered externally with a membrane from the peritonæum, and internally its cavity is lined with a porous and nervous membrane; but in women with child, this inner membrane almost entirely difappears. The blood-veffels of the uterus are tortuous, and make a vaft number of anaftomofes with one another: they open by a number of little mouths into the uterus and vagina, and are the fources of the menstrual discharge. The arteries and veins of the uterus are branches of the hypogaftric and fpermatic veffels, whofe large ramifications inofculate with each other, as also the branches on each fide of the womb with those of the other. The veins are greatly larger than the arteries, efpecially in women with child.

About the age of puberty, when the blood which used to be fpent in the increase of the body, being accumulated, diftends the veffels, it breaks forth once a month at those of the uterus; because of all the veins of the body, which stand perpendicular to the horizon, these only are without valves. This evacuation is called menstrua, menses, and catamenia; and vulgarly flowers, courses, &c.

The nerves of the womb come from the intercoftals, and from those which come from the os facrum. There are also several lymphatics upon its outside, which unite by little and little into greater branches, and discharge themselves into the refervatory of the chyle. The uterus is tied by two round ligaments; and by what is called the ligamenta lata, being like two broad

broad ligaments, though it is only a production or continuation of the peritonæum, from the fides of the womb: the ovaria are fastened to one edge of the ligamenta lata, and the tubæ Fallopianæ run along the other; thefe productions, or continuations of the peritonæum, are commonly compared to the wings of a bat, and are therefore called vespertilionis alæ. The two round ligaments, or ligamenta rotunda, arife from the fides of the uterus, and pafs through the oblique and transverse muscles of the abdomen to the groin, in the fame manner as the feminal veffels do in men. This way the gut paffes in a hernia inteftinalis in women. (See muscles of the abdomen.) These ligaments are partly continued or joined to the mufculus fascia lata, on the upper part of the infide of the thigh; and from thence comes the pain that women big with child feel in this place. The substance of these ligaments is hard, but covered with a great number of blood veffels; they are pretty big at the bottom of the womb, but they grow finaller and flatter as they approach the os pubis.

Q. What are the ovaria?

A. The ovaria; termed by the ancients teftes muliebres, are two bodies of a depressed oval figure, fituated one on each fide the fundus uteri; they are commonly about half the fize of men's tefticles, but differ according to the age and temperament of the fubject. They are white, fmooth, and largest in persons in the vigour of their age, and in women who are most mature; in such subjects they are found of two

two drachms weight, and furnished with a number of prominent veficles. In old people they fcarce weigh half a drachm, and are dry, corrugated, and deformed with circatrices. The ovaria are furrounded by a ftrong white membrane from the peritonæum, and are of membranous fubstance, fibrous, reticulated, and full of veffels varioufly interwoven; they contain from ten to twenty, or more, pellucid eggs, which are fuppofed to contain the first rudiments of the fœtus; the largest of them is not fo big as a pea. There are two arteries, and two veins, which pass to and from the ovaries, or teftes, in the fame manner that they do to and from the tefticles in men; but make more windings, and the arteries dilate more fuddenly, in proportion as they are fhorter. Thefe arteries and veins detach branches into the uterus and Fallopian tubes, and not only make communications betwixt the artery and vein on one fide, and those of the other, but also with the proper veffels of the uterus, which are detached from the internal iliac arteries and veins. Befides the fpermatic veffels, the ovaria have nerves from the intercostals and lymphatics, which difcharge themfelves into the common receptacle. The ovaria are connected to the fundus uteri, by means of the ligamenta rotunda; to the Fallopian tubes, and the fides of the pelvis, by the ligamenta lata, or vefpertilionis alæ; and to many other parts by means of the fpermatic veffels.

Q. What are the tubæ Fallopianæ?

A. The Fallopian tubes are two canals of a tortuous

tortuous figure, but approaching to a conic form, are joined to the fundus uteri one on each fide; one end of the tube is connected to the uterus, and opens into its cavity; its orifice is fmall, being about the fize of a large hog's briftle. The other end is much larger, and is fimbriated, or fringed round the edges, therefore called morfus diaboli; it is free, and fluctuates about the abdomen, and when there is occafion, this extremity applies itfelf to the ovary, embracing it with these muscular segments or fringes. Though the extremities of thefe tubes are fmall, the middle, or wideft part is about the fize of one's little finger. Their length is about fix, feven, or eight fingers breadth, different in different subjects; they are connected to the ovaria by the alæ vespertilionis. Their substance is membranous and cavernous : they are composed of a double membrane; the exterior one feems to be continuous with the peritonæum, and the interior with the interior membrane of the uterus. They are wrinkled on the inner furface, and are imbued with a lubricous humour; but they are not cellular in the human body, as in other animals. They are furnished with a great number of veffels, having the fame veins, arteries, nerves, and lymphatics, as the ovaria: and have a cavernous fubstance between their membranes, by means of which they are rendered rigid in applying their mouths to the ovaria; they are also moistened on their inner furface by these veffels. Their use in generation is very great; they become erect in the time of coltion.

coition, from the influx of the blood and fpirits, and at that time, by a natural motion, they apply their loofe fringed extremity, to the ovaries, which are furrounded and embraced by them. In this flate they convey to them the prolific matter of the male femen injected into the womb; and after one of the ovula is impregnated, they receive and convey it to the womb. The Fallopian tubes unperforated, upon the foregoing hypothesis, must cause barrennefs, and feed lodged in these tubes may have the fame effect; which probably is often the cafe of common whores, and women that ufe coition too frequently; and perhaps the fat in the membrane, that connects the ovaria to the tubes, may, in very fat women, fo keep these tubes from the ovaria as to interrupt impregnation; befides these cases, too much or too little of the menfes may deftroy or interrupt conception; but the latter cafe, especially in young women, is very rare. From fuch caufes as thefe, and not from imbecility, it is most probable that barrennefs oftener proceeds from women than men; and though women do not propagate to fo great an age as men, it feems not to be owing to an incapacity of being impregnated, but from their menfes ceafing, and those veffels being closed, which should nourish the fœtus after the impregnation, as if on purpofe to prevent the propagation of a feeble and infirm species. From this consideration, it is reasonable to suppose, that the perfection of the fœtus, notwithstanding it is first formed in the male feed, depends more upon the female A a than

than the male, or elfe that nature would, for the fake of the fpecies, have been careful to hinder men as well as women from propagating in a declining age.

The feed of all animals, and particularly of mankind, is a whitish fluid fecreted from the blood in the teftes as above; in which Lewenhoeck, by the help of microfcopes, difcovered an infinite number of animals like tadpoles, which he and others fuppofe to be men in miniature, and that one of these being entered into an egg in one of the ovaria, conception is performed.

DIALOGUE IX.

Of the EMBRYO, and the FOETUS in UTERO.

Q. W HAT is the embryo? A. The embryo is a name given to what a woman has conceived with, from the time of conception, till the parts are perfectly formed. From conception, until the egg hath been fome five or fix days in the uterus, it is almost impossible to describe the changes it undergoes, upon the account of its minuteness, and for want of observations; after that time we may fpeak of the matter with more certainty. The egg is then a round pellucid globule, of only one membrane containing

taining the embryo, which hath a very large head, a fmall body, and no legs or arms, fwimming in a large quantity of a pellucid liquor; it hath then a large flat umbilicus, by which it adheres to the obtufe extremity of the egg. The proper membrane of the egg, called amnion, by degrees fends off all around its furface fmall flocculent veffels, whereby it grows to those veffels of the uterus from whence the menses were wont to flow before pregnancy: by degrees theie flocculent veffels round the greatest and inferior part of the egg, cease to grow, degenerating into a fecond membrane, called chorion; while those veffels at the upper and blunt end, keep increasing in their diameters, and at length form the placenta to be described hereafter. In the first two months, or at the end of that time, there appears not any thing bony, the feveral parts or members not being diffinctly formed till the third month. The head is first perfected ; the thorax or breaft next; then the abdomen; and laft of all the extremities.

Q. When does the embryo take the name of fœtus in utero?

A. When all the parts are diffinctly formed. The foctus is involved in the fame coats as the embryo, viz. the chorion externally, and the amnion internally, which immediately inclofed the foctus. They contain a quantity of liquor, which is a proper medium for fo tender a being as the foctus to reft in, and partly fecures it from external injuries, as the aqueous humour does the cryftalline in the eye; A a 2 and

and when the membranes burft in the time of birth, this humour lubricates the vagina, to render the birth less difficult. Befides the amnion and chorion above, there is the falfe or fpongy chorion, which Dr. Hunter has found to confift of two diffinct layers : that which lines the uterus he styles membrana caduca or decidua, because it is cast off after delivery; the portion which covers the ovum, he calls the decidua reflexa, becaufe it is reflected from the uterus upon the ovum, forming the connecting medium between them. The portion which covers the ovum is a complete membrane, like the true chorion and amnion : but that which immediately lines the uterus is imperfect or deficient, being perforated with three foramina, viz. two fmall ones, corresponding with the infertion of the tubes at the fundus uteri; and a larger ragged perforation opposite to the orificium uteri. The true chorion and the amnion are organized membranes, containing veffels, and composed of regular layers of fibres. The decidua and decidua reflexa, differ in appearance from the true chorion, and feem to refemble those in organic fubstances which connect inflamed vifcera. If they be original membranes, and only visible from their evolution and increase, it is not easy to conceive how the ovum gets behind them, fince the Fallopian tubes are not covered by them. It therefore feems most probable, that an opinion first suggested by Mr. Cruikshank is the truth, and which is rendered probable by the experiments

experiments of Signor Scarpa, "That they are entirely composed of an inspissated congulable lymph."

Q. How is the foetus in utero nourished?

A. This is a matter of much controverfy, but the most reasonable opinion is, that the fœtus is nourished not by the mouth, but by the umbilical vessels.

Q. What is the placenta?

A. The placenta is a foft, roundifh mais, found in the uterus of pregnant women, which from its refemblance to a cake, derives its name; and being alfo like the liver, was called by the ancients hepar uterinum, or womb-liver. The number of placentæ in human fubjects, answers to that of the foctuses; and as these are usually fingle, the placenta is usually for too: but when there are two or more focufes, there are always as many placentæ; yet in this cafe they often cohere together, fo as to feem but one; but their veffels rarely communicate from one to the other. The placenta is usually about fix inches in diameter, and one inch thick in the middle, growing a little thinner towards the circumference; it is furrounded with a fmooth membrane from the chorion and amnion, and its concave part is turned towards the foetus; it has no particular part of the uterus to adhere to, but is usually fixed to the fundus uteri. Doctor Thomas Simfon, of St. Andrew's, however, thinks that it has no place in the ovarium, nor in the uterus till once the ovum becomes contiguous to the fundus, and then every con-A a 3 tiguous

tiguous part becomes really a placenta. The placenta is composed of the extreme branches of the umbilical vein and arteries, which are for the composition of this part divided into an infinite number of exceeding small branches, to join a like number of the menstrual veffels of the uterus, which veffels of the uterus are made numerous rather than large, that the feparation of the placenta from them may not be attended with a flux of blood fatal to the mother; for the fides of little veffels foon collapse and close, and they are more eafily stopped, being compressed by the uterus itself as it shrinks, which it begins to do from the time of the birth; but when the placenta is separated before the delivery, whether untimely or not, these veffels bleed until the uterus is difcharged of the fœtus. The arteries and veins of the uterus, by which the menftrual purgations are made, are joined to the umbilical arteries and veins in the placenta, the arteries of the uterus to the veins in the placenta, and the veins in the uterus to the arteries of the placenta : by these veffels a large quantity of blood is continually flowing from the mother to the fætus and back again.

Q. What is the navel-ftring?

A. The navel-ftring, or umbilical bloodvessels, termed funiculus umbilicalis, passes out at the navel of the foetus to the placenta. It is commonly about two feet long, that the fœtus may have room to move without tearing the placenta from the uterus, which being done too foon, from whatever caufe, occafions a miscarriage.

miscarriage. This umbilical cord is composed of a fpongy fubftance enclosing the blood-veffels, viz. two arteries and one vein, twifting about each other, particularly the arteries about the vein. The arteries arife from the internal iliacs of the child, and running up on each fide of the bladder, perforate the belly where the umbilical vein entered. With the arteries and vein above-mentioned, there also passes a veffel called urachus, which arifes from the top of the bladder. The umbilical veffels, with the urachus, being fhrunk up after the birth, lose much of their appearance, especially near the navel, where they are fometimes not to be diftinguished. The umbilical vein goes from the navel directly to the liver, and there enters the great trunk of the vena portæ; it has its origin from fmall venous tubuli, arifing from the chorion, where the evanefcent twigs of the arteries are loft; and at length forming one large trunk, enters the umbilicus of the embryo, goes to the liver as before observed, and opens into the finus of the vena portarum. Near this entrance there goes out the ductus venofus to the great trunk of the cava, which carries part of the blood that is brought by the umbilical vein that way into the cava, while the reft circulates with the blood in the porta; the whole of it not paffing through the ductus venofus, as is generally believed, but a great part of it into branches of the porta, in the liver; otherwife there need be no communication between the umbilical vein and the porta. After the birth, when the umbilical A a 4. vein

vein is ftopped, it becomes a ligament, and the ductus venofus foon fhrinks and almoft difappears, having no longer any blood flowing through it. The blood which flows from the mother to the fœtus by the umbilical vein is returned, all but a fmall quantity, which is referved for nutrition by the two umbilical arteries.

Q. How does the blood circulate from the mother to the fœtus, and from the fœtus to the mother?

A. The manner in which the blood flows from the mother to the foetus, and from the fœtus to the mother, is as follows, viz. the uterine arteries in the mother bring arterial blood to the organ of the placenta in the egg; which being taken up by the beginning of the veins of the placenta, is transmitted to the fetus, through the umbilical vein, into the vena portarum; and from thence into the cava and heart, and the two umbilical arteries in the fœtus being continued from the aorta, carry their blood to the placenta; which blood, at the adhesion of the placenta to the uterus, is taken up by the beginning of the uterine veins, and transmitted to the cava and heart of the mother; what was arterial in the one becoming venous in the other interchangeably; but the fœtus hath fome peculiarities in its own proper circulation besides. Or as Professor Hamilton fays in his first lines: The communication between the parent and child is carried on entirely by means of the placenta, whofe fpongy furface adheres to the internal furface of

of the womb, and receives the finer parts of the arterial blood of the mother by abforption. No anaftomofes of blood-veffels between them have yet been clearly fhown by the experiments of any phyfiologist; nor has any coloured injection been pushed from the uterus into the anterior vascular part of the cake, nor from the fœtus or umbilical veffels into the cellular part, except by the force of extravafation. This cellular part of the placenta is probably derived from the decidua; and is not a fpongy inorganic fubstance, merely intended for the attachment of the cake, but probably a regularly conftructed and organized part belonging to the mother. The cells, therefore, cannot be filled by injection from the umbilical veffels, though an injection will readily pass from the vessels of the uterus. As the structure of the cellular part of the placenta is fomewhat fimilar to that of the more fimple glands, it may be reasonably inferred, that it is intended for other purpofes befides merely abforbing blood, and conveying it to the umbilical veffels of the child. It feems probable, therefore, that an operation fimilar to fecretion is carried on in the placenta, that the veins and arteries of the fœtus, in the vafcular part of the cake, are continuous; and that abforbents arife in the follicles, which foon terminate in veins. From this view it appears, that the placenta is not only the connecting medium between the mother and the child, intended for conveying and returning the nutritious fluid from the one

one to the other, but also changes and prepares it, in a particular manner, for circulating through the minute veffels of the delicate fœtus.

Q. What is the magnitude and weight of the embryo and fœtus in utero?

A. When the ovum defcends into the uterus, it is supposed to be about the fize of a poppy feed, and in the third month augmented to the bignefs of a goofe egg. Ten days after conception, the child (according to fome authors) weighs half a grain; at thirty days is increafed to the weight of twenty-two grains; at three months weighs betwixt two and three ounces; and at nine months from ten to twelve, and fometimes fixteen pounds: by which calculation it would appear, that the progrefs of the fætus is quickeft in the beginning of the growth: for, from its tenth to the thirtieth day (according to this fuppofition) it increases to three and forty times its weight. But all these calculations are uncertain.

Q. How is the uterus diffended?

A. As the foetus, &c. grows in bulk, the uterus is diftended, but retains the fame, or nearly the fame abfolute thicknefs; the blood-veffels, which in its natural contracted ftate lay folded and rolled together like threads in a clue, being straitened out now receive blood more freely than before, and become of greater diameters. So that what the uterus lofes of thickness by distension, in its membranous or cellular parts, it gains by the enlargement of its veffels. As it

it is gradually more and more diffended, its fundus rifes more and more out of the pelvis up into the abdomen towards the colon and ftomach, and being ftretched to every dimension, creates the bulk we see in pregnancy.

Q. What is the natural fituation of the fœtus in utero?

A. The natural fituation of the fœtus in utero for the laft mohths of geftation (for before that time it is uncertain and various) is, as it were fitting with its head and neck bent downwards and forwards; its knees drawing up to its cheeks; its heels lying back toward its hips; and its hands hanging down, and as embracing its knees. But there is a great variety of poftures of the fœtus, both before and at the time of delivery, as is fhewn in midwifery.

Q. What are the differences between a fœtus in utero and an adult ?

A. The more effential differences between the human fœtus ripe for birth, and an adult appear to be as follows. In the abdomen, the umbilical vein and arteries of the navel, and the canalis venofus in the liver, are in the fœtus open and pervious; in adults they are contracted and folid. The liver is very large, the ftomach is filled with a glutinous fluid, and the larger inteftines, and often the ilium alfo, with the fæces called meconium. The renes fuccenturiati are larger in the fœtus than in adults. The kidneys themfelves are not fmooth and even on the furface, as in adults, but

but unequal, and in fome measure refemble those of a calf. The urinary bladder is of a longer shape, and extends. almost to the navel. The hymen in a female fœtus is very plain and obvious. In the thorax befides a peculiar fluid, found as well in this cavity as in the abdomen, the gland thymus is larger than it is in adults. The lungs, as they have never yet been inflated by breathing, are collapsed, and of a blackish colour; and if thrown into water they fink in it, contrary to what is the cafe in adults, or those that have breathed. In the heart, the foramen ovale between the left and right auricle, and the canalis arteriofus, between the pulmonary artery and the aorta, are open, to ferve for a peculiar circulation in the foetus, which has not yet breathed; and there is in the inferior trunk of the vena cava, near the heart, a remarkable valve, called by Chefelden, valvula nobilis. In the head, befides its great fide in proportion to the body, we are to observe, that the offa cranii are in several places diftant from one another, efpecially at the fontanella; and that the futures are wanting. The brain alfo is fofter than in adults. The teeth are imperfect, and not rooted in the gums; they lie hid or buried under the gums, to appear at a more advanced period. The meatus auditorius is not yet perfect in the foetus, and is entirely closed up by a peculiar membrane, which is continuous with the epidermis, and naturally difappears after delivery. The bones of the whole body, excepting

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cepting a very few, are either foft or abfolutely imperfect : fome of them are merely cartilaginous, and the articulations are not at that time perfected.

DIALOGUE X.

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Q. W HAT are the parts of the eye not yet defcribed ?

A. The bony focket, mufcles, cartilages and ligaments of the external parts of the eye are already fpoken of in Dialogue the first. The internal parts not yet mentioned are the glandulæ febaceæ, caruncula lachrymalis, glandulæ lachrymalis, puncta lachrymalia, orbit, the coats or tunics, viz. tunica albuginea, adnata or conjunctiva; tunica felerotica; tunica cornea; tunica choroides; tunica uvea, (which contains the iris and pupilla) to which may be added the retina. The humours of the eye, viz. the aqueous, vitreous, and cryftalline, to which may be added the extreme thin and fine vafcular membrane called tunica arachnoides, and the veffels and nerves of the eye.

Q. What are the glandulæ febaceæ?

A. The glandulæ febaceæ are fituated in the interior furface of the eye-lids: they ferve for the

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the fecretion of an oleaginous fluid, which is of great use in preventing the attrition of the eye-lids, from their continual motion.

Q. What is the caruncula lachrymalis?

A. The caruncula lachrymalis is a little eminence fituated in the larger angle or canthus major of the eye, ferving to direct the tears to the puncta lachrymalia, and, according to fome anatomifts, they help to keep them open when the eyes are flut.

Q. What is the glandula lachrymalis?

A. The glandula lachrymalis is feated in the upper and outer part of the orbits, with its excretory ducts under the upper eye-lid. This gland feparates the matter of the tears, which, by the continual motion of this lid, furnifhes at all times water enough to wafh off dirt, and to keep the external furface of the eye moift, without which the cornea would dry and wrinkle by the continual action of the external air. As the tears fall off the cornea, they are ftopped by the edge of the under eye-lid, along which they run till they fall into the puncta lachrymalia.

Q. What are the puncta lachrymalia?

A. The puncta lachrymalia are two fmall holes in the inner corner or great canthus of the eye, one in each eye lid: they are fituated at the extremities of the tarfi or cartilages, and lead to a fmall membranous bag or lachrymal fac, which is feared in this corner upon the os lachrymale; from the bottom of which there goes a fmall pipe or nafal canal, which pierces this bone in the nofe opening under the upper lamina

lamina of the os fpongiofum. It moiftens the inner membrane of the noftrils, by the fuperfluous humour of the lachrymal gland. Sometimes the acrimony of this humour caufes ineezing, which we may hinder by preffing the angle of the eye, and fo ftop its running. Between thefe two puncta there is a caruncle (as abovementioned) that ferves to keep the holes open when the eyes are fhut.

Q. What is the orbit of the eye?

A. The orbit of the eye is that cavity in which the eye is contained, and is in all the vacant places filled with loofe fat, which is a proper medium for the eye to reft in, and ferves as a focket for its motion. The proper parts of the eye, which form its globe, eye-ball, or bulb, are its coats or tunics, the humours, and the veffels.

Q. What is the tunica albuginea?

A. The tunica albuginea, adnata, or conjunctiva, is the first membrane or coat of the eye-ball; it is a smooth membrane, which covers fo much of the eye as is called the white, and being reflected all round, lines the two eye-lids. Being thus returned from the eye to the infide of the eye-lids, it effectually hinders any extraneous bodies from getting behind the eye into the orbit, and smooths the parts it covers, which makes the friction less between the eye and the eye-lids. It is full of small veins and arteries, which appear big in an ophthalmia or inflammation of the eyes. N. B. The conjunctiva is improperly named albuginea or adnata. The conjunctives is a coat common to the the fore part of the eye, and the infide of both eye-lids; its very white appearance is owing to the tendinous expansions of the muscles of the eye which are immediately under it, and have obtained the name of albuginea or adnata, though not properly a coat. The conjunctiva covers the cornea on its external or convex furface.

Q. What is the tunica fclerotica?

A. The tunica felerotica is a thick, hard, to of and fmooth coat, extended from the cornea to the optic nerve; it is opake behind, but tranfparent before, where it makes the third coat called cornea. Both together make one firm Erm cafe, of a proper form for the use of the other in coats and humours.

nostrio Q. What is the cornea ?

A. The cornea, fo called from its fubstance refembling the horn of a lanthorn, is convex, atransparent, and composed of various laminæ, A which are nourifhed by many blood-veffels, fo fine as not even to hinder the fmallest rays of terenlight from entering the eye. The cornea is fituated in the fore part of the eye, furrounded the by the sclerotica and albuginea; it has a most ahe exquisite sense, to the end that the tears, upon the least pain, may be squeezed out of the lachrymal gland, to wash off any filth, which, by flicking to the cornea, might render it opake or dim. N. B. The sclerotica and cornea, called by fome cornea opaca, and cornea lucida, are, in reality, one and the fame coat; though very differently circumstanced as to fize, fituation, omea the remarkable whiteness he his coast appears to have is the espansion of the tendons of). What

Q. What is the tunica choroides?

A. The tunica choroides is the fourth coat of the eye, and is fo named, on account of the multitude of blood-veffels refembling the chorion; it lies immediately under the folerotica, and is much thinner than it, being a membrane of little firmness. It is blackish, or of a dusky brown colour, more or lefs inclining to red. This membrane, or coat, has a great number of blood-veffels which come from the fclerotica. It is open, or has a hole before, for the paffage of the rays of light, called pupilla; this in a foetus is covered with a membrane called pupillaris, which generally difappears about the feventh month; the part of this coat, which makes the circumference of the hole, and lies upon the fide of the crystalline humour, is the uvea.

Q. What is the uvea, you mention?

A. The uvea is the fifth coat, and is only a white circle round the back fide of the choroides near the cornea, as has been faid. In this coat we observe, first the iris, which is a circular varioufly coloured part, being the anterior furface of the uvea, which furrounds the pupil; it is called the iris, because in different perfons it is of different colours; hence the denomination of grey, blue, brown, hafel, black eyes, &c. The iris is entirely vafcular, from which arifes the variety of colours in the human eyes. Secondly, the pupil, or foramen, which is round in the human eye, nearly in the middle of the iris, and is capable of dilatation and contraction. Through this aperture, the hough called timica albucine openly a cost of the Eye,

rays of light pass to the crystalline, in order to be painted on the retina, and caufe vision. Thirdly, its posterior furface, which is black, and in which, when this blacknefs is cleared away, there appears the fphincter of the pupil, formed of circular fibres for contraction, the ciliary fibres or processes, for the dilatation of the pupil; the ciliary ligament for the motion of the vitreous and crystalline humours; the arterial and venal circles, from the veffels, are in a wonderful manner diffributed over the uvea; the choroides; the ligamentum ciliare; and the vitreous and crystalline humours; the ductus nigri, fo called from their black colour, placed between the proceffes and the ligamentum ciliare; the fpace between the uvea and the cornea, called the anterior camera of the eye; and that between the uvea and crystalline, called its posterior camera, which is either much fmaller, or entirely wanting.

Q. What is the retina?

A. The retina is a membrane which may be called the fixth tunic or coat; it lies immediately under the tunica choroides, and is a very delicate, tender, and as it were mucous coat of the eye, or, more properly, it is only an expanfion of the optic nerve at the bottom of the eye. It is the great organ of vifion, and called retina becaufe it fomewhat refembles a net: rays of light ftriking upon this membrane, the fenfation is conveyed by the optic nerves to the common fenforium, the brain.

It is commonly faid, that the retina is a production or expansion of the medullary fubftance

stance of the optic nerve; the sclerotica of the dura mater; and the choroides of the pia mater, which accompanies this nerve. But this opinion is not altogether agreeable to what we obferve in examining the optic nerve, and its infertion in the globe of the eye. If we take a very sharp instrument, and divide this nervethrough its whole length, between where it enters the orbit and where it enters the globe, into two equal lateral parts, and then continue this fection through the middle or centre of its infertion, the following phenomena will appear, viz. That the nerve contracts a little at its infertion into the globe; that its outer covering is a true continuation of the dura mater; that this vagina is very different from the sclerotica both in thickness and texture, the sclerotica being thicker than the vagina, and of another ftructure; that the vagina from the pia-mater forms, through the whole medullary fubstance of the nerve, feveral very fine cellular fepta; and that where it enters the globe of the eye, the pia mater does not directly answer to the choroides. Laftly, that as the medullary fubftance of the nerve enters the globe, it is very much contracted, and feems to terminate only in the fmall tubercle or button already mentioned; but if we examine accurately, we shall find that the retina is really a continuation of the fibres which compose the medullary part of the nerve.

Q. What is the aqueous humour of the eye? A. The aqueous humour lies in the fore part of the globe, immediately under the cornea: B b 2 this this humour is thin and liquid, of a fpirituous nature, for it will not freeze in the greateft froft. This evinces the neceffity of a continual fupply of this humour; which is manifeft it hath, becaufe if the cornea be pricked, and this humour fqueezed out, it will be again reftored in ten or twelve hours: this aqueous humour lying foremoft, feems chiefly of ufe to prevent the cryftalline from being eafily bruifed by rubbing, or a blow; and perhaps it ferves for the cryftalline humour to move forward in, while we view near objects, and backward for remoter objects.

As age advances it fometimes happens, that the fight is faulty from a diminution of this humour.

Q. What is the cryftalline humour?

A. The cryftalline humour is the fecond, and diffinctly contained in a very fine coat or membrane called aranea or arachnoides, and is fufpended by means of the ciliary ligament, between the aqueous and vitreous humour, immediately behind the pupil; in this place it hangs free, and is moveable by means of the ligament just mentioned. It is composed of a multitude of lamellæ, like the coats of an onion; and therefore also pellucid and vafcular. There is also a small quantity of the aqueous humour contained within or under its coat, which in old age acquires a yellow colour, and confequently occasions a dimnefs of fight. The crystalline being a thick, compact humour, in form of a flattish convex lens, fituated in the middle of the eye, ferves to make that

that refraction of the rays of light, neceffary to make them meet in the retina, and form an image thereon, whereby vilion may be performed. The internal structure of this mass hath not been hitherto fufficiently difcovered in the human subject. Its colour and consistence varies in different ages. Until the age of thirty, it is very transparent, and almost without colour: it afterwards becomes yellowifh, and that yellownefs gradually increases. The confistence varies almost in the fame manner, being of an uniform foftnefs till the age of twenty, and afterwards growing gradually more folid in the middle of the mafs; but in this there are varieties. 'The cryftalline capfula or coat, is formed by a duplicature of the tunica vitrea, whofe external lamina covers the anterior fide of the crystalline mass, the internal lamina covers the back fide, and likewife the foffula vitrea, in which the cryftalline is lodged. The anterior portion of the crystalline capfula is thicker than the posterior, and, in a manner elastic; and both its thickness and elasticity may be difcovered in diffection, without any other artifice.

Q. What is the vitreous humour?

A. The vitreous or glaffy humour is the third humour of the eye, fo called from its refemblance to glafs in fufion, being like a fine clear jelly in appearance; it is thicker than the aqueous, but thinner than the cryftalline; and is in greater abundance than the other two. It lies behind the cryftalline, and fills up the greateft part of the eye rather more B b 3 than than three-fourths of it : its fore-fide is concave for the cryftalline humour to lodge in, and its back fide being convex, the tunica retina is fpread over it; it ferves as a medium to keep the cryftalline humour and the retina at a due diftance.

Q. What are the blood-veffels and nerves of the eye?

A. The eye is furnished in a most wonderful manner with nerves and blood-veffels in all its parts. The blood-veffels of the eye are branches of the carotids and jugulars (which fee) diffributed to all parts of the eye in an amazing manner. The extreme minute ones convey only a fine and fubtile lymph thither, by which means the tunics and humours of the eye are nourifhed; the veins partly carry the blood back to the finuses of the dura mater, and partly to the jugulars. The nerves of the eye are very numerous; befides, the optic nerves (described in page 68,) pierce the globe of the eye from the fide of the nofe, a little on the infide of the optic axis or center; their external coat, which is a production of the dura mater, is continued to the fclerotis, as their internal is from the pia mater to the choroides: and the medullary fibres paffing through all, are expanded on the retina, upon which the images of objects are painted. The centre of this expansion is infensible, and all rays which fall upon it are loft; confequently, that point of the object from which the rays come, is invisible to the eye; the reason of this proceeds, probably, from the blood-veffels, which

which enter the globe of the eye with the optic nerve, and cover this part of the retina. But whatfoever the caufe be, there is a manifeft advantage in the optic nerves being inferted on the infide of the optic axis. For if they had pierced the eye in the axis, the middle point of every object had been invifible, and where all things conduce to make us fee beft, there we had not feen at all.

DIALOGUE XI.

Of the EAR.

Q. WHAT are the parts of the ear not yet defcribed ?

A. The bones, muscles and cartilages of the ear are already spoken of in Dialogue the fecond. Its inner fubstance is cartilaginous, as hath been faid, which preferves its form, without being liable to break : its use is to collect founds, and direct them into the meatus auditorius, which is the paffage that leads to the drum. Hence those who have lost their ears, hear not fo acutely as others, and endeavour to fupply that want by applying the palm of their hand made hollow to their ears : hence the usefulness of hearing trumpets. The internal parts of the ear not yet described are as follows, viz. meatus auditorius, cerumen, mem-Bb4 brana

membrana tympani, tympanum, tuba eustachiana, foramina vestibulum and labyrinth, and veffels of the ear.

Q. What is the meatus auditorius?

A. The meatus auditorius is the paffage of the ear, which leads to and terminates at the membrana tympani, or drum of the ear. It is near an inch long, and about the fourth part of an inch wide, and its paffage is not ftrait but crooked, paffing first upwards and then downwards, when it has a fmall tendency upwards again, and the lower part of its extremity bends a little down to the obliquity of the membrana tympani. The beginning of this paffage is cartilaginous, being a continuation of the concha contracted, the end of it is bony, which makes the greatest part of the upper and back part of the meatus, as the cartilage does of the lower and fore part. The whole internal cavity of the meatus is lined with a membrane, which feems to be a continuation of the fkin that covers the auricula, and which grows thinner and thinner as it approaches the tympanum. In children, this bony canal is wanting, as well as the maftoid procefs.

Q. What is the cerumen?

A. The cerumen or wax of the ear is fecreted from a number of little glands on the back fide of the membrane, whole excretory ducts bring it into the meatus. This wax by its bitternefs and vifcidity, together with the hairs in the membrane above-mentioned, hinders infects from approaching the membrana tympani, which

which it likewife preferves against the injuries of the air. When this wax is accumulated in too great quantity, it obstructs the meatus, by filling up the passage, and creates the most common kind of deafness; the remedy of which is picking the ears, or fyringing them. Those great discharges of matter from the meatus auditorius, which are commonly called imposthumes in the ear, seem to be nothing elfe. than ulcerations or great fecretions from these glands.

Q. What is the membrana tympani?

A. The membrana tympani lies at the inner extremity of the meatus; it is extended upon a bony ridge or circle of the temporal bone. This is an oval membrane, thin, dry, firm, and transparent: though it feems ftretched pretty tight, yet it is not plain, but concave outwardly toward the meatus, and inwardly convex; being pulled inward by the handle of the malleus, which is tied to it. This membrane does not entirely close the paffage, but has on one fide a small aperture covered with a valve, letting the smoke of tobacco, taken in at the mouth, find a paffage through it out at the ears.

Q. What is the tympanum?

A. The tympanum, or drum of the ear, is a pretty large cavity, fituated behind the membrana tympani; it is about the fourth part of an inch deep, as much wide, and about half as high. In very young children it is always found full of mucus, or a purulent matter, which feems neceffary to prevent founds from affecting affecting them too much, there being no provision to shut the ears, as there is for the eyes. Chefelden gives an account of a gentleman who had four children born deaf, on which he was advised to lay blifters upon the heads of the next children he might have, which he did to three who were born afterwards, and every one of them heard well. It feems not unreasonable to suppose, that too great a quantity of this mucus upon the drum might be the cause of deafness in the four children, and that the discharge made by the blifters in the latter cafe was the caufe of their efcaping the fame misfortune. In this cavity are to be obferved the periofteum, which lines it, a very thin membrane, and furnished with a great number of blood-veffels; and the chorda tympani being a little nerve composed of a combination of little branches of the fifth and feventh pairs, this is extended in the manner of a cord under the membrana tympani. In this cavity alfo there are four fmall bones already defcribed in Dialogue the fecond, of which the first is the malleolus or hammer, fo called because of its shape; its manubrium or handle, which is pretty long and fmall; it is faftened to the membrane of the tympanum, as hath been faid, and its head is articulated by ginglymus with the body of the incus; which bone is articulated by arthrodia with the ftapes, and the orbiculare lies between. The malleus is moved inward by the mufculus obliquus internus, or trochliaris, or internus mallei; it extends the membrana tympani, that it may be

be the more affected by impulse of founds when they are too weak. This muscle arises from the cartilaginous part of the Euftachian tube, and paffing from thence in a proper groove, it is reflected under a small process, and thence paffes on perpendicular to the membrana tympani, to be inferted into the handle of the malleus : fometimes with a double tendon parallel to this muscle lies another extensor of the membrana tympani, called obliquus externus, or externus mallei; but this is not fo obvioufly an extensor as to be known to be fo without an experiment. The muscle which relaxes the membrana tympani is called externus or laxator tympani. The relaxation of the membrane is made by this muscle, without our knowledge, when founds are too ftrong; and as the pupil of the eye is contracted when we have too much light, and dilated when there is too little, from what caufe foever, fo when founds are too low, or the fense of hearing imperfect, from whatever caufe, the extensors of the tympanum ftretch it, to make the impulse of founds more effectual upon it, just as in the case of the common drum, and the cords of any mufical inftrument.

The principal cavities in the tympanum, are the opening of the maftoid cells; the opening of the Euftachian tube; the bony half canal; the feneftra ovalis; and feneftra rotunda; and to thefe may be added the fmall hole in the pyramid. The opening of the maftoid cells is at the pofterior and upper part of the edge of the tympanum; the cells themfelves which end there there are hollowed out in the fubftance of the maftoid procefs, being very irregular and full of windings and turnings. The bony half canallies immediately above the Euftachian tube, towards the upper fide of the pars petrofa. In the recent fubject, one of the mufcles of the malleus is lodged in it. The hole in the apex of the pyramid is the orifice of a cavity, which may be named the finus of this pyramid.

Q. What is the tubæ Euftachianæ?

A. The Euftachian tube or iter ad palatum, goes from the tympanum, (which cavity is called alfo the barrel of the ear); the beginning of this passage is very narrow and bony, the middle is cartilaginous, and its extremity, which opens into the back part of the noftrils, just above the uvula, is about the third part of an inch wide, membranous, and dilated by fome mufcular fibres; they dilate the extremity of this passage, either when we open our mouth to hear more diffinctly, or when it is neceffary there should be a free communication between the external air, and that in the cavity of the tympanum. This paffage, therefore, feems to be exactly of the fame use with the hole in the fide of the common drum, that is, to let the air pass in and out from the barrel of the ear to make the membrane vibrate the b tter, and perhaps in the ear, which is closer thean a common drum, to let air in or out as it alters in denfity, and if any fluid fhould be feparated in the barrel of the ear, to give it a paffage out. This paffage being obstructed, as it is fometimes, by a large polypus behind the uvula, caufes

caufes great difficulty of hearing, and fometimes when the meatus auditorius is obstructed, a man opening his mouth wide, will hear pretty well through this passage, which is often so open, as that fyringing water through the nose, it shall pass through into the barrel of the ear, and cause deafness for some time. To the stapes there is one muscle called musculus stapedius; it ferves to pull the stapes from off the feness ovalis, which otherwise it covers.

Q. What is the foramina vestibulum and labyrinth of the ear ?

A. The foramina veftibulum are three holes in the cavity of the tympanum, leading to the cavity called veftibulum; which forms the middle part of the labyrinth, or innermoft cavity of the ear, termed a labyrinth, from its finuofities and windings. The first of these holes is called fenestra ovalis; to which, as hath been faid, the base of the stapes is fixed, and completely stops it. It is a hole of communication between the tympanum and labyrinth. The next hole is the fenestra rotunda, it is situated above the fenestra ovalis, and the other leads into the cavity of the mast femi-circular canals, which open into the vestibulum by five orifices.

Q. What is the labyrinth?

A The labyrinth is divided into three parts; the anterior, middle, and pofterior. The middle portion is termed veftibulum, the anterior cochlea, and the pofterior labyrinth in particular; which comprehends the three femi-circular canals. The cochlea lies forward and inward toward toward the extremity of the pars petrofa; the femi-circular canals backward and outward toward the bafis of the procefs; and the veftibulum between the other two.

Q. What is the veftibulum?

A. It is an irregular round cavity, lefs than the tympanum, and fituated more inward, and a little more forward. The two cavities are in a manner fet back to back, with a common partition between them, perforated in the middle by the feneftra ovalis, by which the cavities communicate with each other. The cavity of the veftibulum is likewife perforated by feveral other holes; on the back fide by the five orifices of the femi-circular canals; on the lower part of the fore-fide by a hole, which is one of the paffages of the cochlea; and on the forefide, toward the meatus auditorius opposite to the fenestra ovalis, by a number of very small holes, for the passage of the nerves; on the upper fide there are only fmall pores.

Q. What are the femi-circular canals?

A. The femi-circular canals are only three in number, one vertical, one oblique, and one horizontal. The vertical canal is fituated tranfverfely with refpect to the pars petrofa, the convex fide of it being turned upward. The oblique canal lies further back than the former, and runs parallel to the length of the procefs, the convex fide being turned backward, with one extremity upward, the other downward; the fuperior extremity of this canal meets and lofes itfelf in the external extremity of the former. The

The curvature and extremities of the horizontal canal are almost on a level; the curvature lying obliquely backward, and the extremities forward, and under those of the vertical canal, but a little nearer each other, the inner being almost in the middle space between the extremities of the oblique canal. The horizontal canal is generally the leaft of the three; the oblique is often, and the vertical fometimes, the greateft; and fometimes the two are equal. All the three canals are larger than a femi-circle, forming nearly three-fourths of one; they are broader at the orifices than at the middle. Thefe orifices open into the back-fide of the veftibulum, and are but five in number, becaufe two of them open into each other; fo that in the posterior part of the vestibulum two appear toward the infide, and three toward the outfide. In children, the fubstance of these canals is compact, while that which furrounds them is fpongy. In adults all the parts of the bone are fo folid, that these canals appear only like paffages formed in a piece of ivory.

Q. What is the cochlea ?

A. It is a fort of fpiral body with two ducts, formed in the anterior part of the pars petrofa, fomewhat refembling the fhell of a fnail. The parts to be diftinguished in it, in its true fituation, are, the basis, the apex, the spiral lamina, or half feptum, by which its cavity is divided into two half canals; the modiolus, round which the cochlea turns : and, lastly, the orifices and union of the two ducts. The basis is turned directly

directly inward toward the internal foramen auditorium, the apex outward; and the axis of the modiolus is nearly horizontal; but in all of them allowance must be made for the obliquity of the pars petrola in which they lie. The bafis of the cochlea is gently hollowed, and toward the middle, perforated by feveral fmall holes. The modiolus is a kind of fhort cone with a very large bafis, which is the middle of the balis of the cochlea; through its whole length runs a double spiral groove, which, through a microfcope, fhows a great number of pores. The cochlea makes about two turns and a half from the bafis to the apex; and the two half canals being firmly united together through their whole courfe, form a halt feptum, called lamina spiralis, which must not be unfounded with the complete feptum in the recent fubject, as is often done. One edge of the lamina spiralis is ftrongly joined to the modiolus, being thicker there than in any other place; whereas the other edge is terminated all round by a very thin border, lying in the middle cavity of the cochlea. In the natural ftate, the other half of the feptum is membranous, and completes the partition between the two canals. The two half canals turn jointly about the modiolus; one being fituated toward the bafis of the cochlea, the other toward the apex; for which reafon one of them may be called internal, the other external. The fpiral or volute of the cochlea begins at the lower part of the veftibule, runs from thence forward to the top, then backward down to the bottom, afterwards upward and forwards; and foon

foon from the bafis, which is turned inward, to the apex which is turned outward. The two half canals communicate fully at the apex of the cochlea.

A very delicate and fine membrane carried along through the cavities of the labyrinth, is formed of an expansion of the auditory nerve, and is the primary part of the organ of hearing, just as the retina is formed of the expansion of the optic nerve, and is the primary organ of feeing. Next may be observed the auditory canal, which is diffinguished into the common and proper; the common is large, and has foraminula in it, passing into the labyrinth; the upper one is narrow and large, terminating partly in the cavity of the cranium, and partly between the styloide and massion process.

Q. What are the blood-veffels and nerves of the ear?

A. The arteries of the ear are from the carotids both external and internal; the veins run partly to the jugulars, and partly to the finufes of the dura mater; the nervus auditorius enters by the hole in the internal process of the os petrofum. It confifts of two bundles, of which one is hard, the other foft. Five branches of the portio mollis enter the vestibulum, and form a delicate web, which fends flips that run through the femi-circular canals; the reft of the portio mollis enters the cochlea at the center of its base, and turns with the spiral line, of which it probably makes the, membranous part. The portio dura passes through its pro-Cc per

per passage, to be distributed among the external parts about the ear.

There have been inftances of the tympanum being deftroyed by an ulcer, and the auditory bones caft, without deftroying the hearing. From which, and other like cafes, it may be concluded that the membrana tympani, though ufeful in hearing, is not the feat of that fenfe; and if any difeafe in that membrane fhould obftruct the paffage of founds to the internal parts of the ear, which are the feat of that fenfe, an artificial paffage through that membrane might recover hearing; as the removing the cryftalline humour, when that obftructs the light, recovers fight.

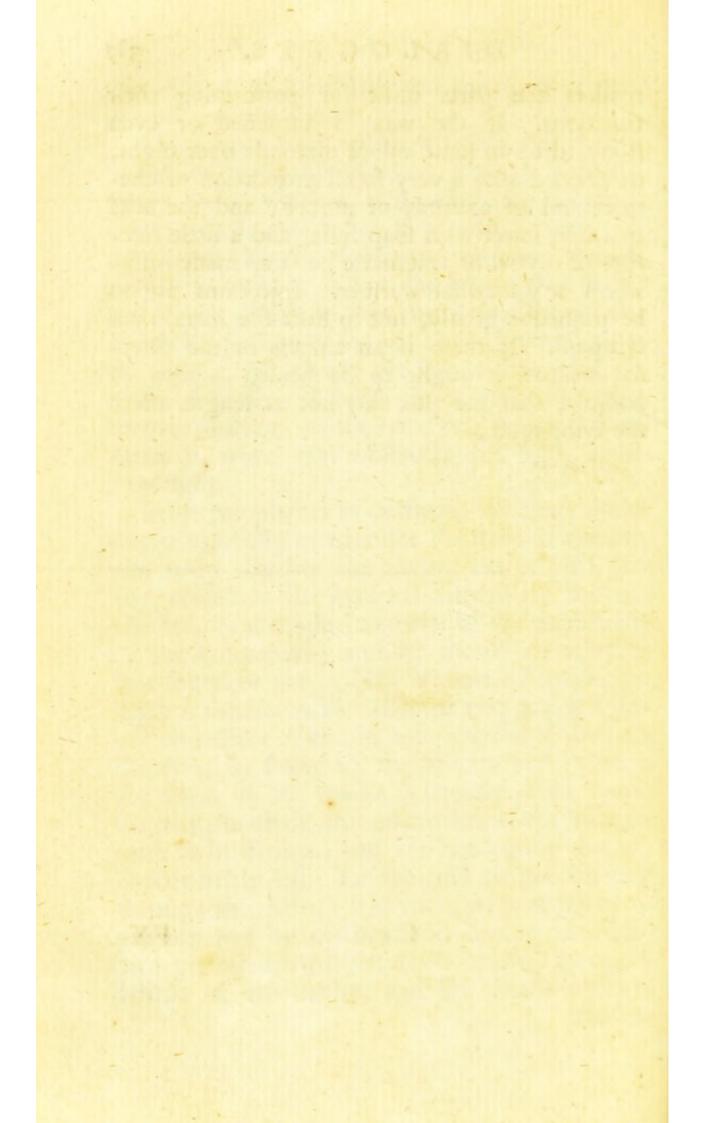
In all complaints of deafnefs, the practitioner ought carefully to examine the ftate of the ear, and learn whether the patient has or hath had any abscess in the external meatus of the ear affected, that might have eroded the membrane of the tympanum; and he should try whether it is found or not. This is done by holding a lighted candle to the affected ear, and if upon a ftrong effort of expiration determined towards the ears, by ftopping the mouth and noftrils, the flame of the candle is fenfibly acted upon, we may conclude the membrane of the tympanum to be broken, and the hearing by that ear irrecoverably loft; for the cold air gets directly through the breach into the cavity of the tympanum, and by chilling and drying the delicate periofteum of the little bones, the membranes of the cavity, and the fmall mufcles, renders

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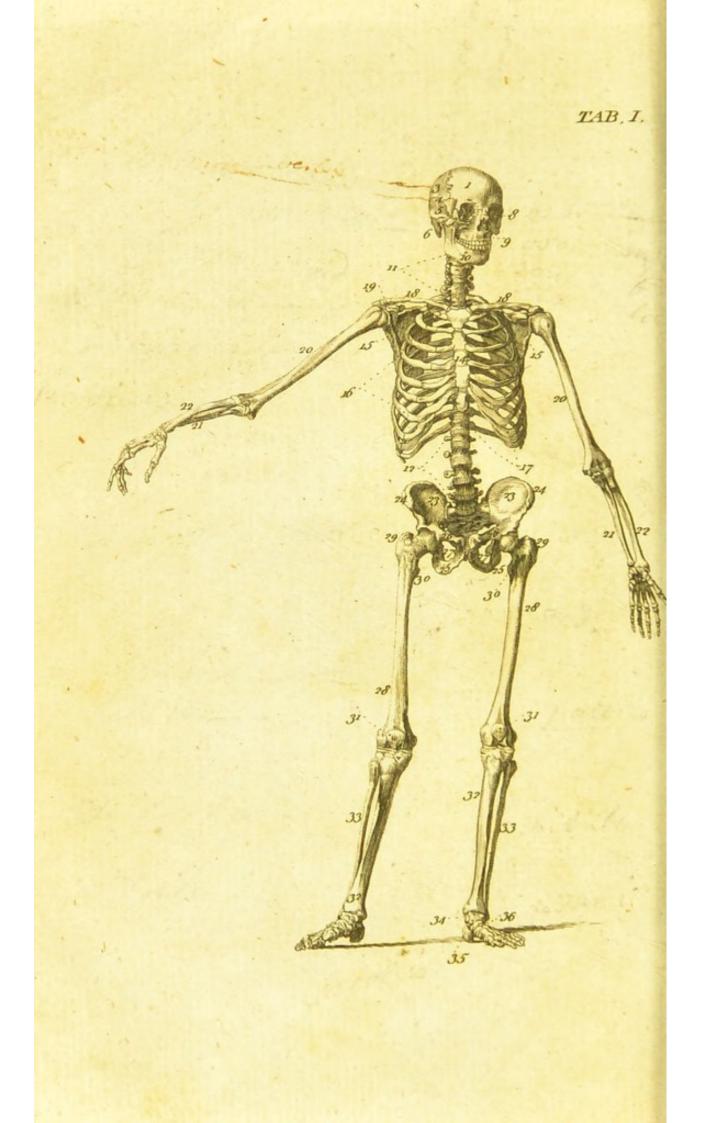
renders the parts unfit for performing their functions. If the wax is hardened or even ftony, drop in fome oil of almonds over night, quickened with a very fmall proportion of chemical oil of anifeeds or amber; and the next morning inject with foap fuds, and a little tincture of myrrh or traumatic balfam, made milkwarm or fomewhat warmer. Injections are to be pufhed in gently, not to hurt the membrana tympani. If there is an abfeefs in the external meatus, it ought to be healed as foon as poffible, that the pus may not at length affect the tympanum.

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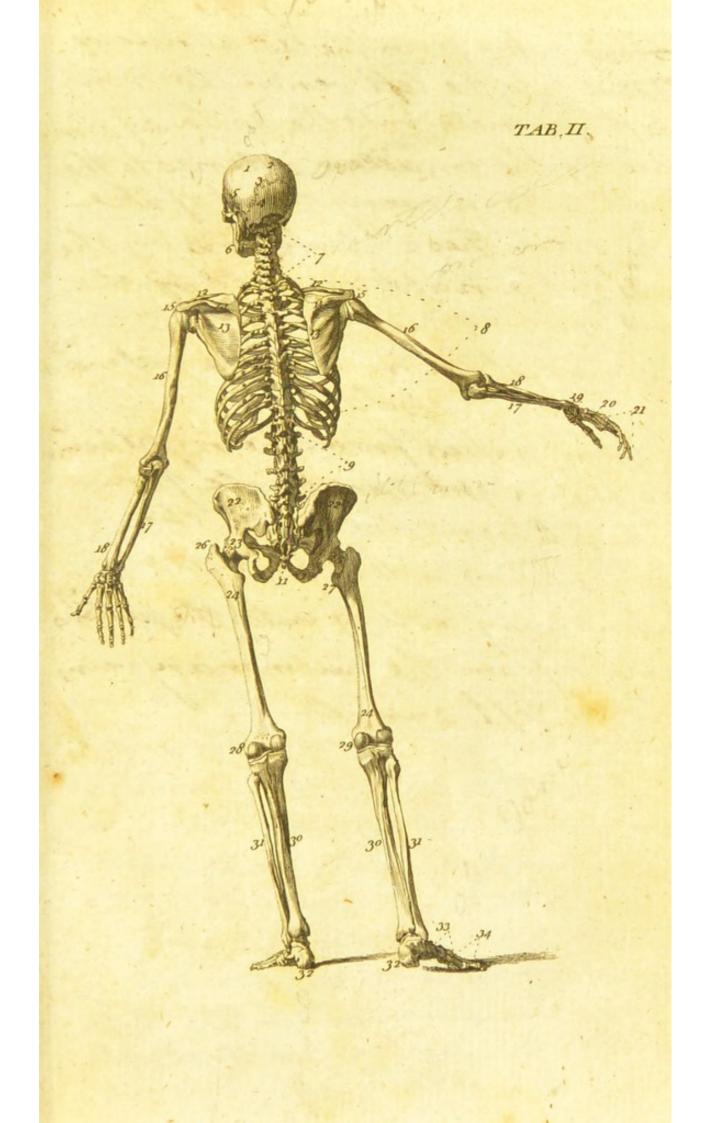
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The Blood in its progrephive motion is conveyed from the heart by the arteries to all Even the minutest parts of the body then ce being broug by again by the veins & collected an the sinces venosus, it is potnice mothe right or superior auricle I ventrick from the right ventre The heart it is forced into the pulmonary artery & after circulation throadbeing acted on by the lund mits napage thro them is retur by the fulmonary vein into the left or inferior aun de oventi from the left ventricle it is Expelled into the aorta by whose converging tranches it is trans into all parts of the body 2 at lest being transmitted from the estremities of the small asting into the mascent & incipient veins thro them papernts they larger branches till it amives at their termination the heart whence it is as before discharged perpetual round to trowers e The body.



TABLE III.

I Frontales

2 Orbicularis Palbebræ

3 Zygomaticus Major

4 Nafales Labii fuperior

5 Depressor Labii inferior

6 Depreffor anguli oris

7 Platifma myoides

8 Pectoralis

9 Latisfimus dorfi

10 Serratus magnus

11 Externus obliquus abdominis

12 Recti abdominis

13 Pyramidales

14 Linea alba

15 Gracilis

16 Adductor longus tricipitis femoris

17 Pectineus

18 Pfoas magnus

19 Illiacus internus

20 Sartorius

21 Glutæus medius

22 Fascialis

23 Vaftus externus

24 Rectus femoris

25 Vastus internus

26 Pars bicipitis

27 Pars gaftrocnemit

28 Soleus

29 Peroneus longus

30 Extenfor longus digitorum pedis

31 Tibialis anticus

32 Deltoides

33 Triceps

34 Biceps

35 Brachiæus externus

36 Supinator longus

37 Pronator rotundi radii

38 Radiviis internus

39 Palmaris longus

40 Sublimis

41 Ulnaris internus

42 Abductor longus pollicis

43' Radialis externus longus

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I Temporalis

2 Maftoidæus

3 Trapezius

4 Deltoides

5 Brachiæus 6 Gemellus

7 Palmaris longus 8 Sublimis

9 Ulnaris internus

10 Radialis externus longior

11 Extensor communis digitorum

12 Infra spinatus

13 Latiffimus dorfi

14 Obliquus externus abdominis

15 Glutæus medius

16 Glutæus major

17 Gracilis

18 Adductor magnus femoris

19 Semitendinofus

20 Biceps Cruris

21 Vaftus externus

22 Gaffrocnemius

23 Soleus

24 Tendo Achillis







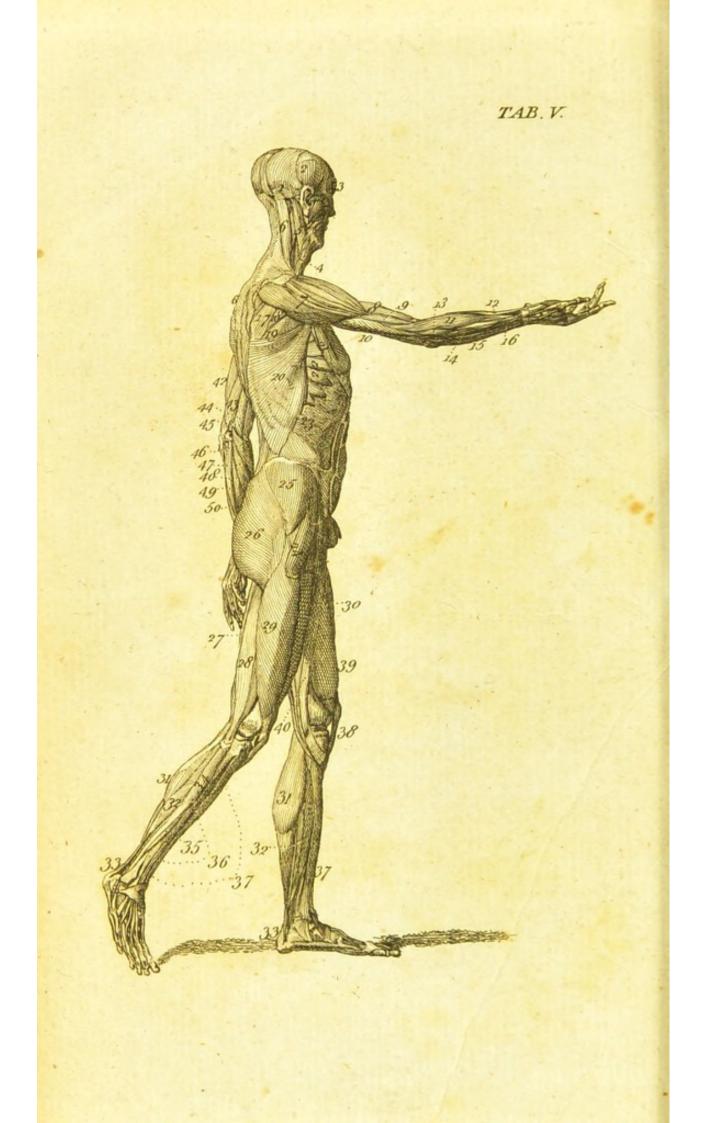


TABLE V.

I Occipitalis

2 Attollens auriculam

3 Orbiculares palpebrarum

4 Latifimus colli

5 Maftoidæus

6 Trapezius

7 Deltoides 8 Biceps

9 Brachialis internus

10 Triceps

II Supinator longus

12 Radialis internus

13 Radialis externus longior

14 Radialis externus brevior

15 Ulnaris externus

16 Abductor pollicis longus manus

17 Infraspinatus

18 Teres minor

19 Teres major

20 Latifimus dorfi

21 Pectoralis

22 Serratus Magnus

23 Obliquus externus abdominis

24 Tenfor Vaginæ femoris

25 Glutæus medius

26 Glutæus magnus

27 Semitendinofus

28 Biceps cruris

29 Vaftus externus 30 Rectus cruris

31 Gastrocnemius

32 Soleus

33 Tendo Achilles

34 Peroneus longus

35 Peroneus brevis

36 Extenfor longus digitorum pedis

37 Tibialis anticus

38 Ligamentum a patella ad tibiam pertinens

39 Vaftus internus

40 Sartorius

41 Triceps pars quæ longus vocatur

42 Triceps pars quæ brachialis externus vocatur

43 Brachialis internus

44 Biceps brachii

45 Pronator teres

4.6 Palmaris longus

47 Sublimis

48 Ulnaris internus

49 Ulnaris externus

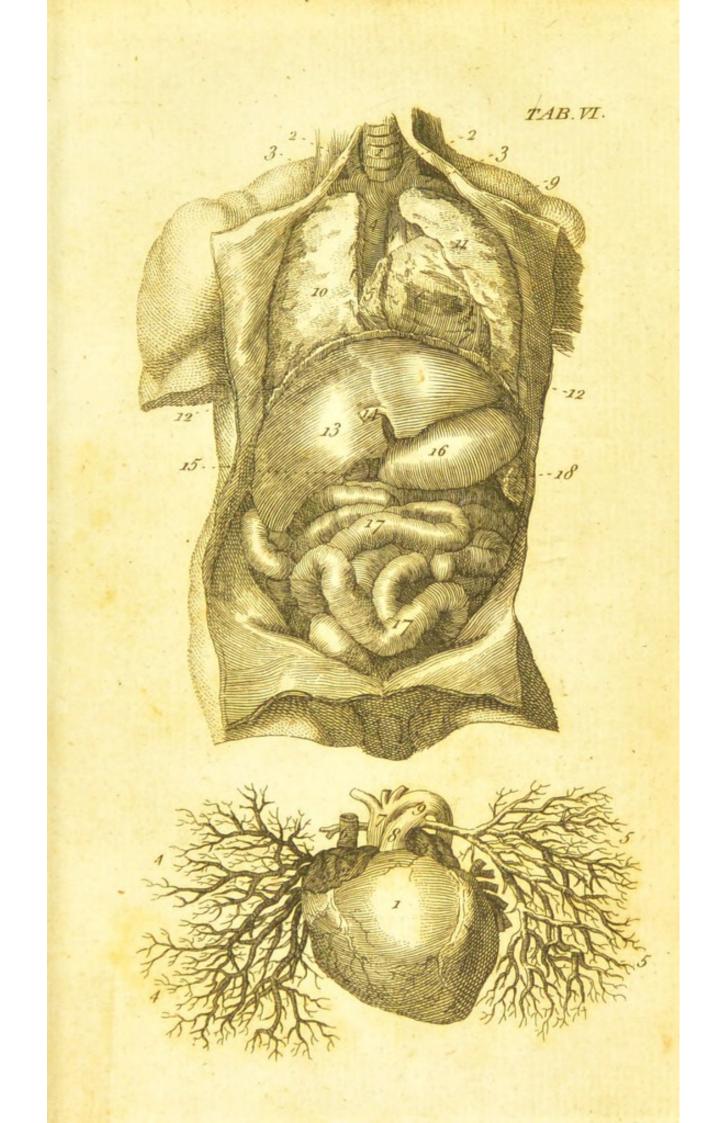
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- I The larynx
- 2 The internal jugular vein
- 3 The fubclavian vein
- A The vena cava defcendens
- 5 The right auricle of the heart
- 6 The right ventricle
- 7 Part of the left ventricle
- \$ The aorta afcendens
- g The arteria pulmonalis
- no The right lobe of the lungs, part of which is cut off to fhew the great blood veffels
- IF The left lobe of the lungs
- 32 The diaphragm
- 13 The liver
- 14 The ligamentum rotundum
- 15 The gall bladder
- 16 The flomach preffed by the liver toward the left fide
- 17 The fmall guts
- 18 The fpleen

FIGURE II.

- I The right ventricle of a foetus diffended with wax
- 2 The right auricle
- 3 The left auricle
- & Branches of the pulmonary veins of the right lobe of the lunge
- 5 The arteries of the left lobe of the lungs
- 6 The vena cava def endens
- 7 The aorta alcendens
- & The arteria pulmonalis
- g The ductus arteriolus

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A. The upper orifice of the flomach B. The flomach C. The pylorus D. D. Arteries E. F. Nerves which accompany the arteries G. The duodenum H H. I. I. I. The fmall guts K. The valve in the colon L. The appendicle of the cocum M. N. The colon O. The rectum P. The confirictor of the anus

Q Q. The lifters up of the anus

R. The anus

FIGURE II.

A. A kidney di effed of its external coat

B. A kidney in its natural state

C. The vena cava

D. The aorta

E. E. The renal glands with their veffels, &c.

F. F. The emulgent veficis

G. G. The ureters

H. The urinory bladder

I. The neck of the bladder

K. I. The tefficles

M. The process of the peritoneum (in which the spermatic veffels go) cut off

N. The cremafter muscle cut off

O. O. The fpermatic veffels

Q. The epididymis

R. R. The vafa deferrentia

S. The Corpus glandofum

T. T. The two bodies which compose the penis, and appear when the fkin t. t. is drawn afide

U. U. The prepute

V. The glands penis

W. The extraordinary infertion of the fpermatic vein into the emulgent

X X. Veficulae feminales

Y. Y. The infertion of the ureters

Z. The beginning of the urethra

r. r. Veins which run and unite on the back of the yard

s. s. Arteries with nerves on each fide

w. Veins opened to fhew their valves

FIGURE III.

A. A. A. A. The parenchymous substance of the pancreas laid open

B. The pancreatic duct with its branches C. C. C. C. C. C. C.

D. The bile duct joining the pancreatic duct

E. The duodenum opened

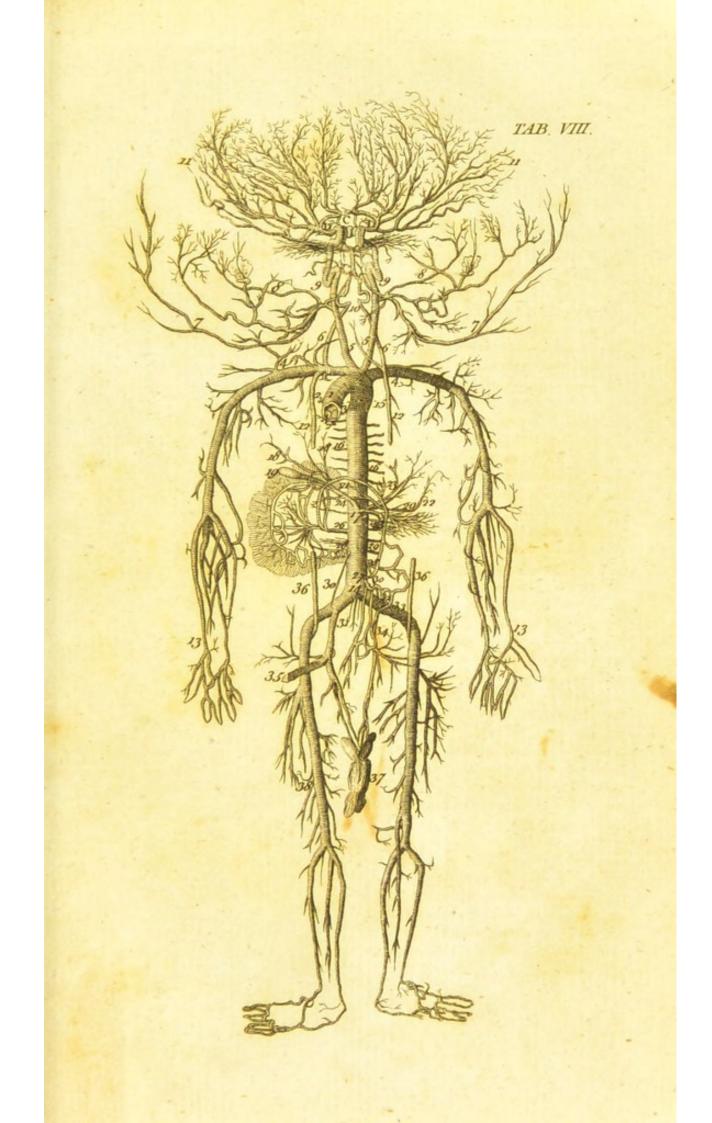
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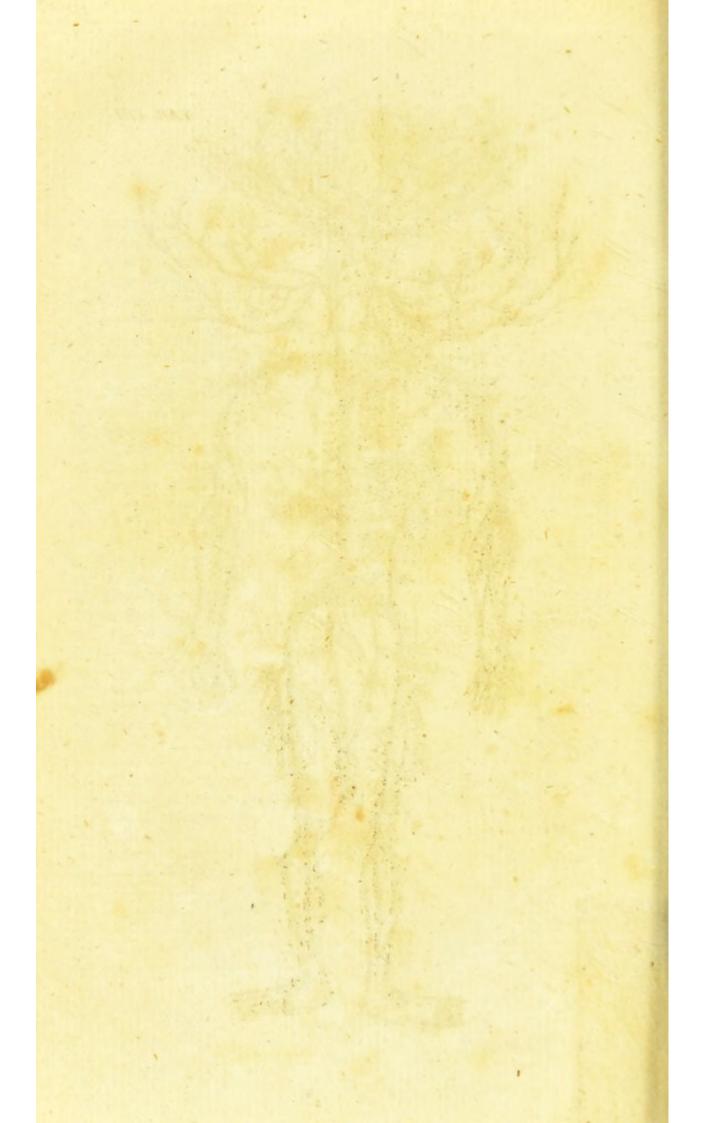
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I Aorta A. Valvulæ femilunares 2 Arteria coronaria mag. 3 Ligamentum arteriofum 4 Arteriæ fubclaviæ 5 ---- carotides 6 _____ vertebrales 7 <u>temporales</u> 3 <u>ccipitales</u> 9 Contorfiones carotides C. Glandula pituitaria D. Arteriæ opthalmicæ 10 Contorhones vertebrales II Ramificationes arteriæ 12 Arteriæ mammariæ 13 ---- cubitales 14 Arteria aorta descendens 15 ---- bronchialis 16 Arteriæ intercostales 17 Arteria coeliaca 18 Arteriæ hæpaticæ 19 Arteria cyffica 20 _____ coronaria inferiora ftomachi 21 ____ pylorica 22 ---- épiploica 23 ---- coronaria fuperiora ftomachi 24 Arteriæ phrenicæ 25 Arteria splenica 26 ---- mefenterica fuperior 27 ---- inferior 28 Arteriæ emulgentes 29 _____ vertebrales lumborum 30 _____ fpermaticae 31 Arteria facra 32 Arteriæ iliacae 33 ----- externae 34 _____ internae 35 _____ umbilicales 36 ----- epigaftricae 37 ----- penis 38 ----- crurales

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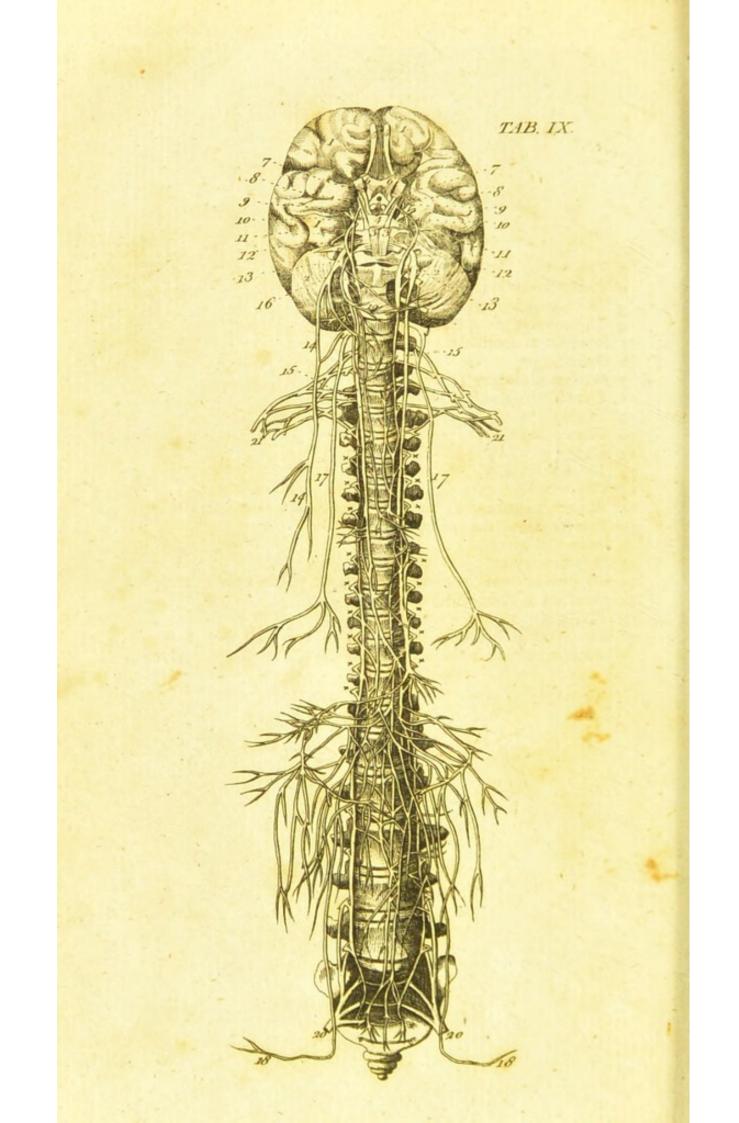


TABLE IX.

I The brain

2 The cerebellum

3 The corpus pyramidalis

4 The annular protuberance

5 Proceffus mammillaris

6 Optic nerves

7 Motores oculorum

8 The fourth pair of nerves

9 The fifth pair fpreading into three branches

10 The fixth pair

II The feventh pair

12 The eighth pair

13 The recurrent nerves joined with the eighth pair

14 The recurrent nerves after leaving the eighth pair

15 The trunks of the eighth pair

16 Intercoftal nerves

17 Phrenic nerves

18 Branches of nerves going to the spermatic vessels, testicles, uterus, &c.

19 Branches of the ninth pair

20 The fciatic and crural nerves

21 The brachial nerves

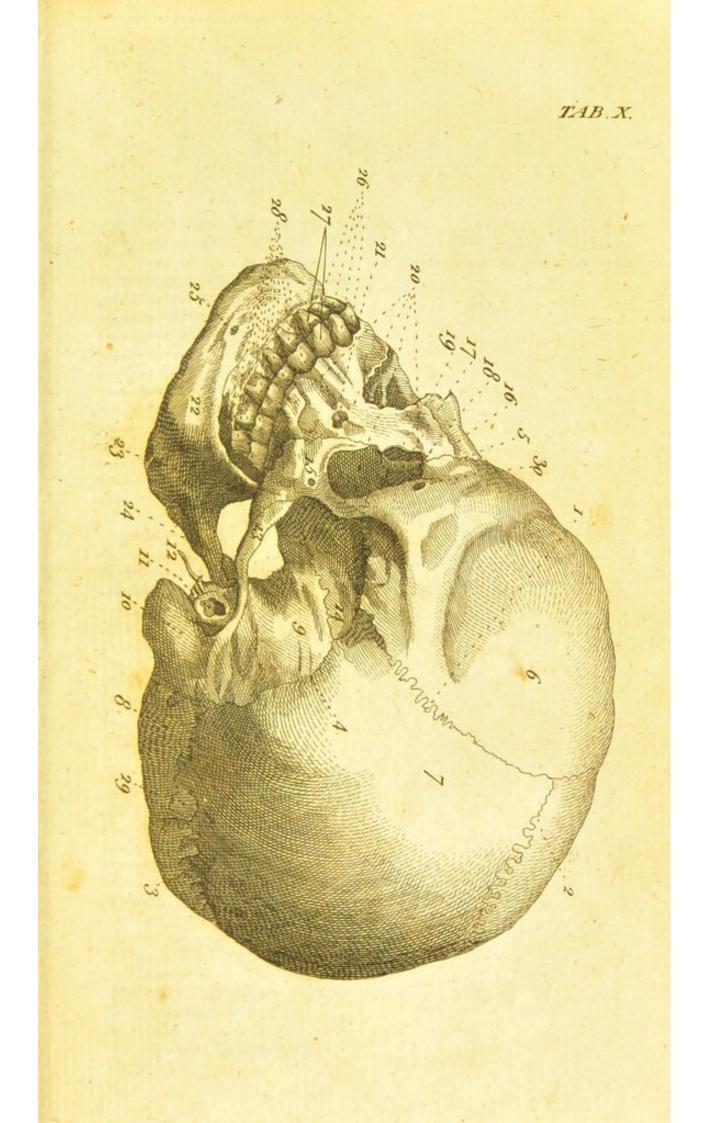
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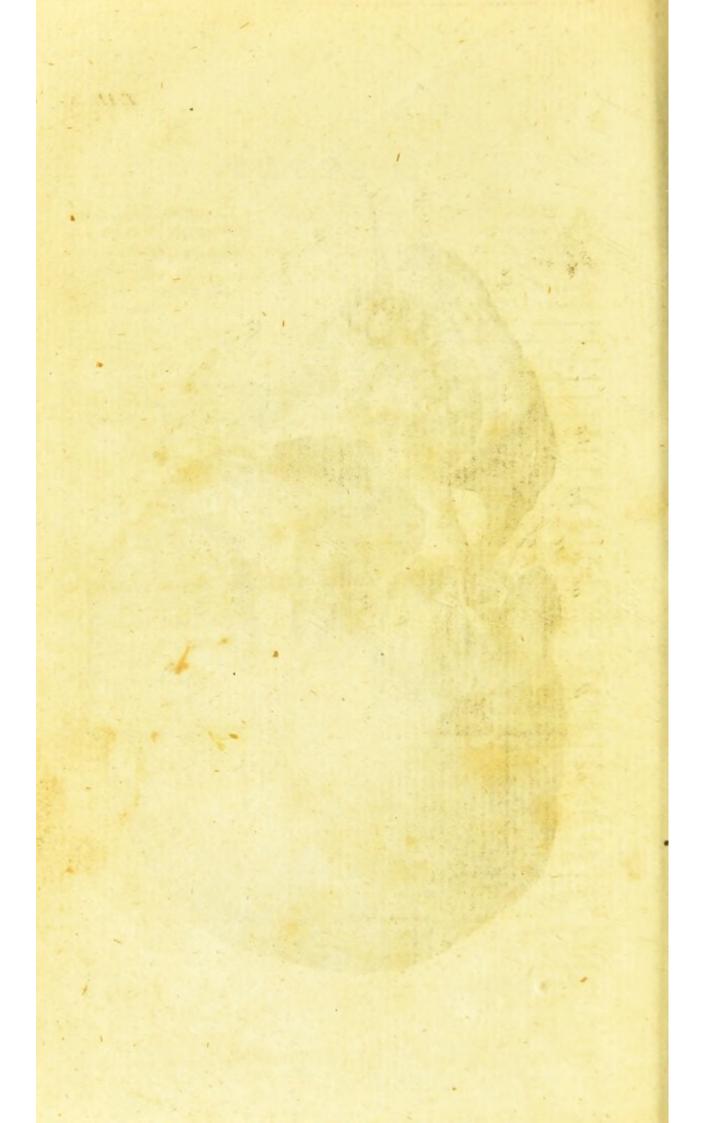
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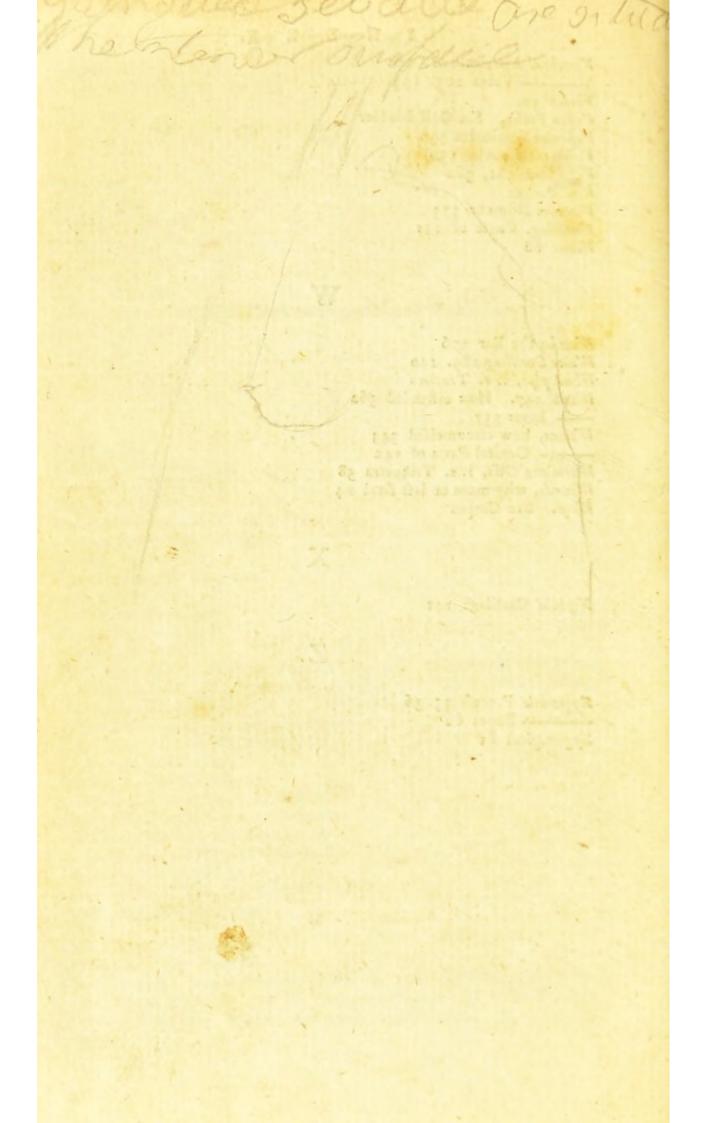
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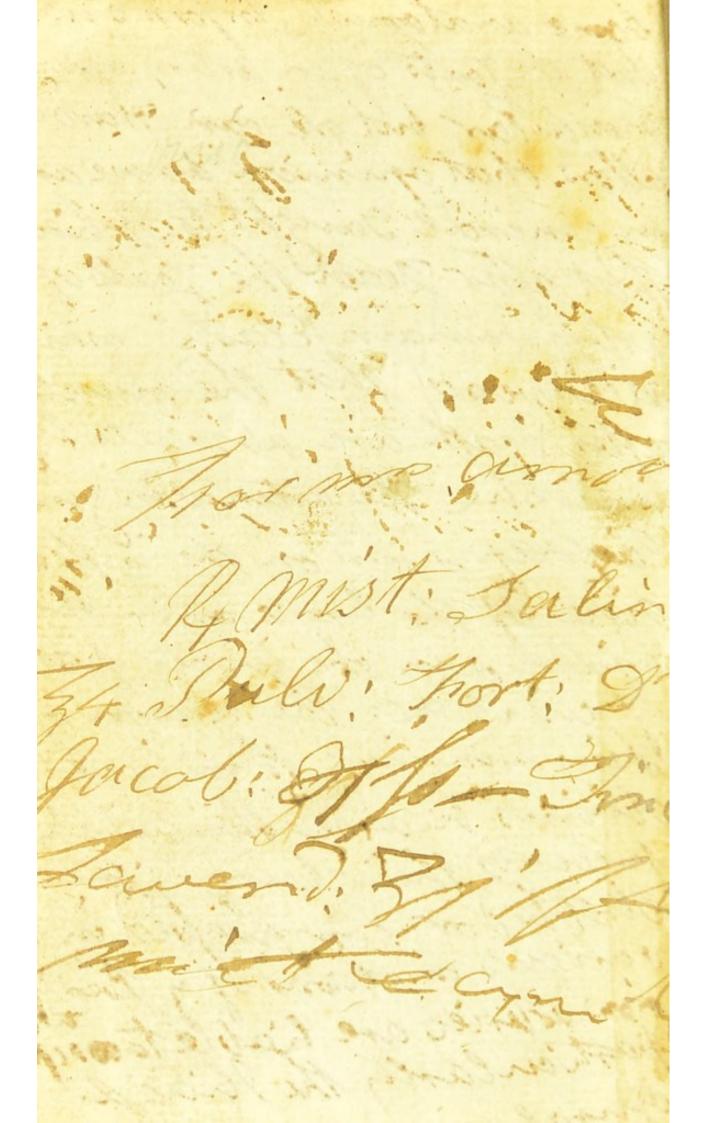
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