

Notes on a post mortem examination, name of patient not given

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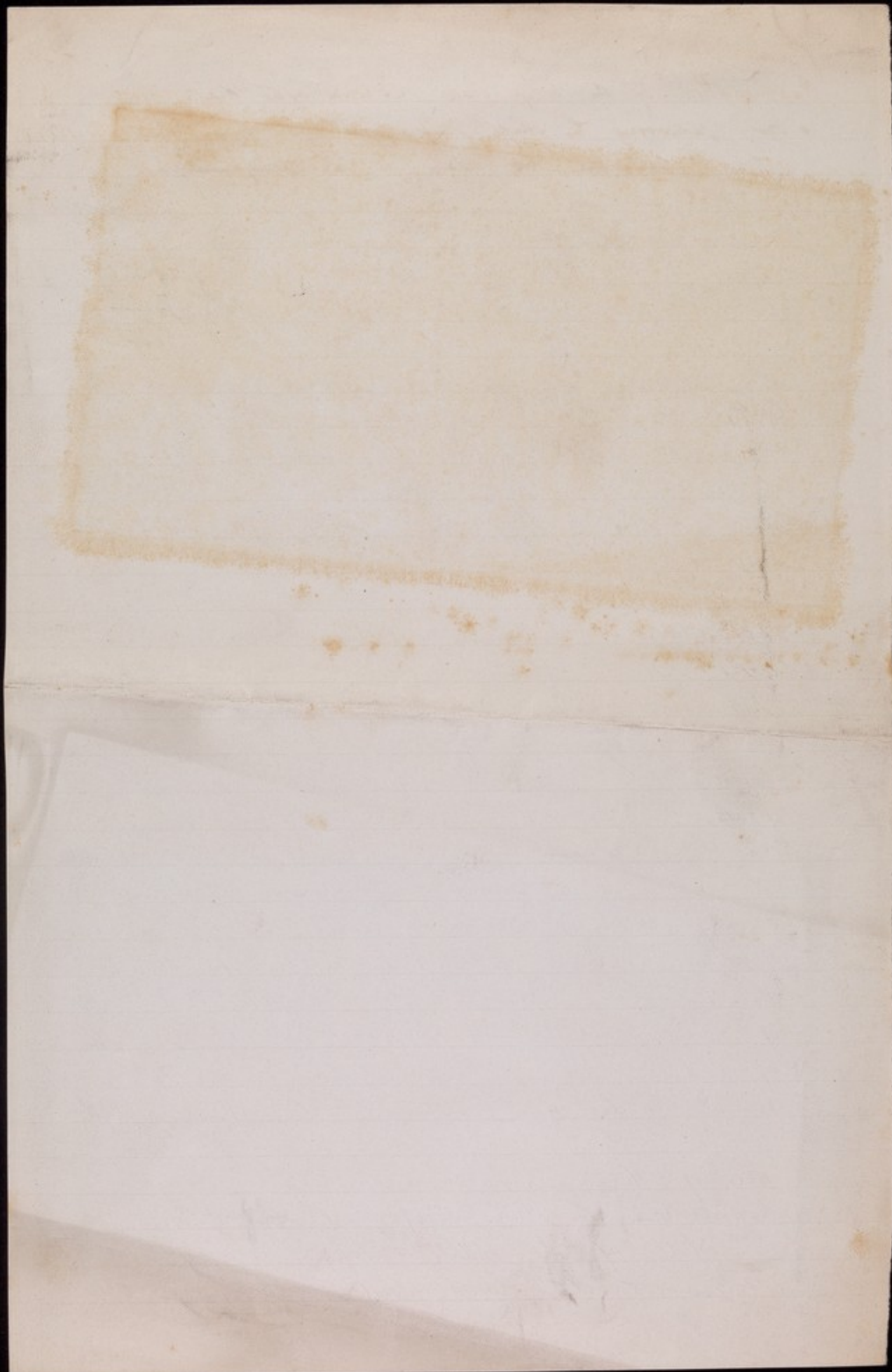


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Examination of the body made 33 hours after death.

= On removing the skull cap from the dura - mater appeared natural ~~and did not adhere to the bony surface~~ and was not adherent to it, on incising the dura mater a considerable quantity of serum escaped from between it & the arachnoid & on its removal it was strongly adherent to the arachnoid along the ~~vertex~~ line of the superior longitudinal sinus, the arachnoid was thickened in this situation particularly at the vertex where there were several small patches of organised tissue - The whole appearance of the surface of the brain appeared more vascular than usual ~~having~~. The sub-arachnoid space was largely distended with serum - The v. Pia mater was not adherent to the surface of the convolutions, The ventricles were large & contained a large amount of serum while the Brain substance appeared softer but was not more vascular than usual.

On examining the thorax. There were no appearances denoting fracture of the ribs on opening it the pericardium was large ~~whilst the~~ & contained about 4 ozs fluid the heart was small but firm its cavities & valves were healthy in appearance - There was no fluid nor any signs of pleurisy in the left pleura, the left lung was slightly oedematous no signs of tubercle neither old nor recent. - The right lung appeared collapsed & much charn'd, on opening the pleural cavity a quantity of foetid pus escaped. whilst the lung was strongly adherent to the parietal wall of the pleura at its basal surface on examining the lung itself. there was found occupying the whole of the middle & inferior lobes ^{smooth} a large abscess cavity lined with a thick lining



membrane communicating with a portion of the
pleural cavity by a circular orifice, but that
portion of ~~the pleura~~ was cut off from the
general pleural cavity by a wall of circular
adhesions, the depth of the abscess cavity was
from $3\frac{1}{2}$ - 4 inches & its orifice was 3 inches in diameter
nearly at the bottom but in the upper wall
was about a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch ^{long} rent or opening into the general lung
tissue & in the neighbourhood of which ^{the tissue was} ~~was~~
infiltrated with pus & recently extravasated blood. The rest
of the lung was healthy but oedematous
& no signs of tubercle either recent or old.

There was no communication between the pleural &
peritoneal cavities, & the liver was healthy
no further examination was made.



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