

[Newspaper clipping showing the skeletons of Mademoiselle Crachani, a Sicilian dwarf and Patrick O'Brien, the Irish Giant on display at the Royal College of Surgeons].

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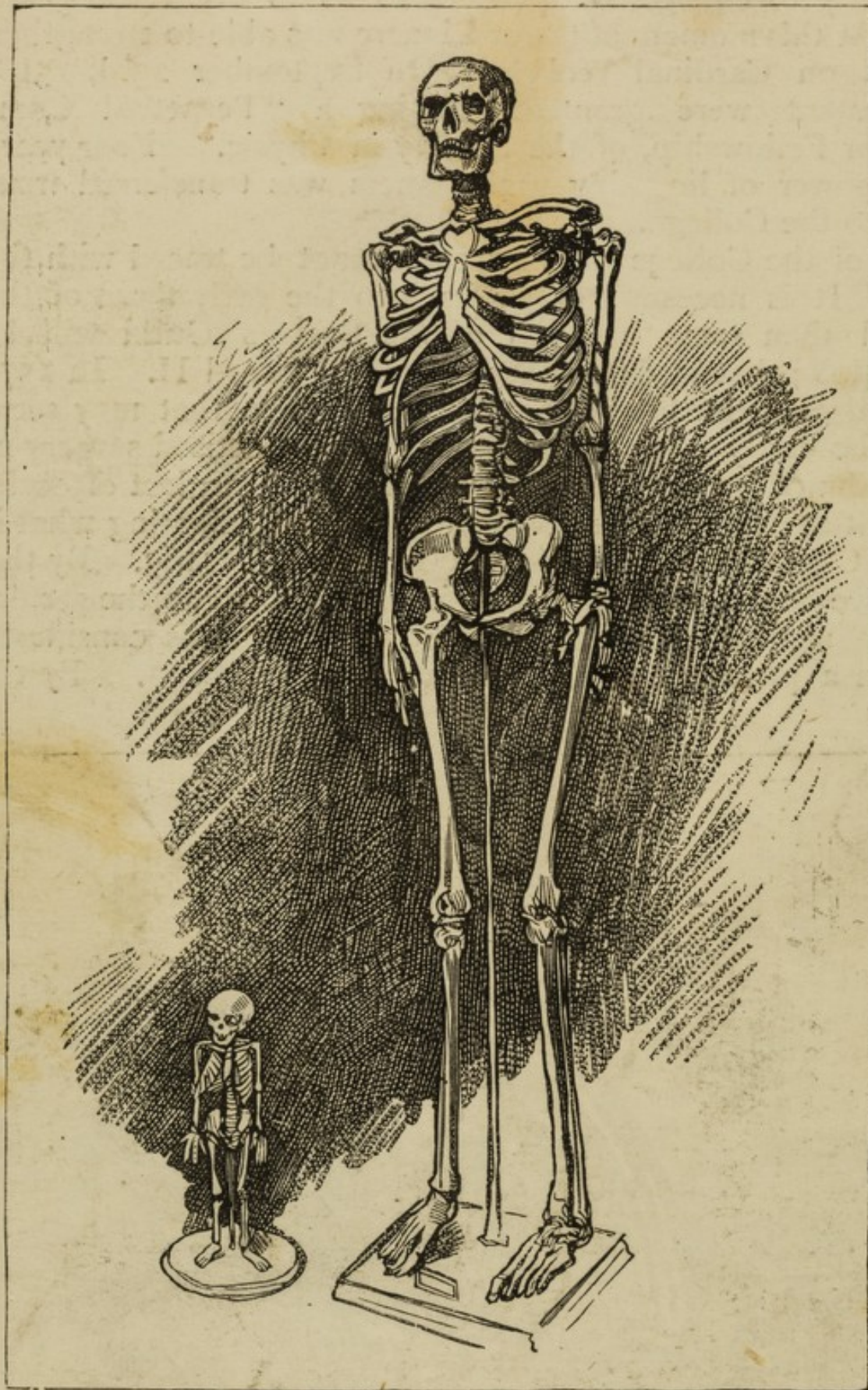
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ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS—SKELETONS OF
MDLLE. CRACHANI, A SICILIAN DWARF, AND
OF O'BRIEN, THE IRISH GIANT

le it attacked in three hours, and even the Court had
stantly to change its quarters so as to avoid the pesti-
e. At this moment of terror Linacre was able to strengthen
old on Cardinal Wolsey. On September 23rd, 1518,
patent were granted, creating a "Perpetual Com-
y, or Fellowship, of the Faculty of Physic." Four years
e power of licensing practitioners was transferred from
ch to the College.

gin of the College of Surgeons cannot be traced with the
ty. It is necessary to go back to the early times of the
and then some mention of the Barbers' Guild will be
ar 1308 ; that is, during the reign of Edward II. In 1375
ers became Barber-Surgeons, a connection that may seem
an be easily explained. The clergy practised surgery as
e Church, feeling that this engendered a neglect of eccle-
ought at least to check the evil by promulgating what is
nth Canon of the Council of Tours, A.D. 1163. By this
actice and teaching of physic was limited to the secular
ther restrictions were imposed, and it was considered
g for a priest to perform a surgical operation. By the

