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Wellcome Collection 183 Euston Road London NW1 2BE UK T +44 (0)20 7611 8722 E library@wellcomecollection.org https://wellcomecollection.org In Paris, at the theatre of M. Comte, in 1819, A FEMALE DWARF was exhibited, seventy-three years of age, with a height of only 33 inches. Notwithstanding her advanced age, she was full of vivacity and gaiety; she danced and sung with her sister, the elder by two years, and the taller by eight inches. In 1761, the court of Stanislaus, king of Poland, was amused in contracting a curious marriage, and betrothed Nicolas Ferri, the celebrated Dwarf, to this lady; but Ferri died before the marriage was concluded: nevertheless, the lady assumed and retained the name of her intended. This female's parents were of ordinary stature; and she was neither scrofulous nor rickety.

Though the Surgeons removed to Lincoln's Inn Fields at the commencement of this century, and occupied the house they had bought, their present imposing College was not built till the year 1835. It was then erected under the superintendence of the late Sir Charles Barry. The fluted columns, the marble portico, the bold entablature of the present College in Lincoln's Inn Fields are all so familiar to the modern Londoner that they need no special description. Within, the handsome library, the many offices, and, above all, the museum, have won a world-wide reputation. To John Hunter, one of the greatest of our surgeons, is due the nucleus from which the present museum was formed. Hunter's Museum, formerly in Leicester Square, was purchased from his widow by the Government for 15,000l. It illustrates the whole subject of life from preparations of bodies, human, animal, and vegetable. Among the curiosities that are of more general than of scientific interest, may be mentioned the skeletons of Jonathan Wild, the celebrated thief-catcher, of Madlle. Crachani, a Sicilian dwarf, who was only twenty inches high, standing by the side of O'Brien, the Irish giant, who measured eight feet four inches.