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A Method of transfusing blood into man, written
 by Dr. Wm. Harvey, read before the Society Oct. 24. 1667.

The method of transfusing blood you have seen practis'd
 with facility enough, from beast to beast; we have prepar'd
 things in a readiness to transfuse blood from the Arterie
 of a Lamb, Kid (or what else may be thought proper) into
~~the Arterie of a humane~~ a humane Veine; & we have bin waitin'
 for this experiment this six month & wait only for
 opportunity; I have ^{given a wound} sent you the instruments

only
 are little
 (172) a glass
 tube with a silver
 stopper, ~~to be used~~
 * and
 flattened
 at the
 other, for
 better con-
 venience
 of handling.

I think very proper for the experiment ^{which are only of good}
 use already with good success ^{upon beasts of diff. kinds}
~~to be used~~ upon beasts of diff. kinds

The way is in short this: after
 the Arterie is prepar'd in the Lamb Kid etc:
 (as afore said) let a Ligature be made upon
 the Arterie etc: hard enough to make the Veine
 stand, in the place you intend to insert the
 Plegge end of the ~~silver pipe~~ silver pipe: then
 divide the skin ^{in the} ~~the~~ ^{same} ~~way~~ ^{by saw} ~~the~~
 in the same manner, ^{as} used in cutting an Issue,
 just over the Veine to be open'd: then with a
 fine Lancet open the Veine; or, if you please,
 the Veine lying fair & high (especially if the
 skin be fine) you may open both together
 according to the usual way of Wound-section.
 this done, let an Assistant lay his finger
 or a little Bulbor, or the like, upon the Veine a
 little below the orifice, to hinder the blood
 from ~~flowing~~ ^{flowing} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~position~~ ^{position}, then in-
 sert the ^{light} tube upwards into the Veine, when it is
 in, roll it, and the skin close together between
 yo^r fingers and thumb: then pull out yo^r stopper,
 and insert yo^r pipe, that is to infuse the Arterie
 all blood from the eminent Animal, manag-
 ing the remainder according to the known
 method of this experiment