

## ARTICLE V.

**SUSPECTED VIOLENCE.**

- 49.—DEFINITION.
  - 50.—DIVISION.
  - 51.—DEFINITION JUSTIFIED BY REASON.
  - 52.—SUSPICIONS.
  - 53.—DEFINITION IS ACCORDING TO LAW.
  - 54.—SUDDEN DEATHS.
  - 55.—CAUSE OF DEATH UNKNOWN.
  - 56.—NECESSITY OF INVESTIGATION IN CASES OF  
SUSPECTED VIOLENT DEATHS.
  - 57.—THERE IS MORE NECESSITY IN SUCH CASES THAN  
EVEN IN CASES OF VIOLENT DEATHS.
  - 58.—SUCH IS THE OPINION OF LEARNED JURISTS.
  - 59.—OMITTING INVESTIGATION IN SUCH CASES WOULD  
BE TO ENCOURAGE CRIMINALS.
- 

49. Death surrounded by circumstances giving reason to suspect violence is that which cannot positively be defined either as violent death or natural death.

50. This definition is justified by reason and by law.

Investigations in cases of death of this nature are necessary, and should always take place. These are the two points which the present Article will seek to demonstrate.

51. And first we take "definition being justified by reason".

It must be admitted that any death is either natural or violent, since by violent death is understood every death which is unnatural.

If, in presence of a death it is impossible to be sure that it has been brought about by a natural cause, it remains possible that it may be the result of violence, and if there is a possibility of violence, there is reason to suspect violence.