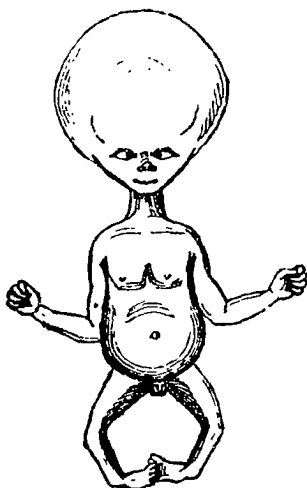


There was exaggerated strabismus of both eyes; the body was well formed, and of the usual size of a male † child at that period. All the fingers and toes of the body were permanently flexed, and talipes varus of both feet completed the deformity of this truly ugly little specimen of mortality.

The accompanying wood-cut, from a sketch by my very excellent friend, Dr. Angus MacDonnell, will convey a better idea of the appearance of the little gentleman.



On opening the skull from above, the membranes were found to be thickened, and of a deep red color. The pia mater, firmly glued to the arachnoid, was dotted here and there with a pale cretaceous substance, intimately united with it. About a half pint of serous fluid still floated over the cerebral surface of the base of the skull; a film of cerebral matter, about one line in thickness, thickly studded with tubercular matter lined the membranes, except at the superior surface, where it became gradually thinner, and was ultimately lost; so that the fluid must, some weeks prior to birth, have escaped from its cerebral covering, and been converted into a hydrocephalocele. The small mass of matter repre-

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dimensions, but the absence of the contained fluid rendered precision impossible. Moreover, the forcible traction employed, previous to resorting to craniotomy, must have interfered with the shape, perhaps, increased the size of the skull.

† Dr. Georget, in the "London Medical Repository," Vol. 14, observes: "Monstrous, diseased, or mal-formed fœtuses, are generally of the female sex. 'Is it,' he enquires, 'that this sex possesses less energy of organization than the male? or that the generative power is longer and more perfect, in the latter than the former?'"