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RARE AND INTERESTING CASE OF ABNORMAL DEVELOPMENT.

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The following case of deformity and irregularity having interested the members of our association at our last meeting, and yourself particularly, I will endeavour to make a few remarks on it, with the hope that it may prove of some interest to the profession at large.

It is obvious to every one, that the same variety which is found in individual normal features, form, talents and capacities, is also present in deformities; it being impossible to find two men with perfect resemblances, or similar gifts of intellect. In the same measure we cannot find deformities exactly the same.

This has not prevented scientific men from proving that certain rules prevail in deformed as well as in regularly arranged organs; — especially in the teeth. Thus it seems to be generally believed that supernumerary teeth grow in certain places; that in others they are supplemented; that irregularities assume this or that general character. The case I submit does not depart from these observations of anatomists, but offers some peculiarities which I have not noticed in any book, or in practice. In most cases the presence of supernumerary teeth in the centre of the arch, causes the absence of one or more permanent teeth; it is of rare occurrence when they come in pairs, and their form is very irregular. As a rule they are conical, or appear like badly developed bicuspid.

In the accompanying drawing, which is made from the plaster cast, in the best position to give a full view of the case, it may be seen that the proper number of teeth are present, but very much disturbed; the *dens sapientæ* not having yet erupted. The supernumeraries occupy the