

time between midnight and daybreak they got up and sat by the fire. Again Eng protested and said he wished to lie down, as he was sleepy. Chang stoutly refused, and replied that it hurt his breast to recline. After a while they retired to their bed, and Eng fell into a deep sleep. About four o'clock one of the sons came into the room, and going to the bedside discovered that his uncle was dead. Eng was awakened by the noise, and in the greatest alarm turned and looked upon the lifeless form beside him, and was seized with violent nervous paroxysms. No physicians were at hand, and it being three miles to the town of Mount Airy, some time necessarily elapsed before one could be summoned. A messenger was despatched to the village for Dr. Hollingsworth, and he sent his brother, also a physician, at once to the plantation, but before he arrived the vital spark had fled, and the Siamese twins were dead.

Dr. Hollingsworth made an examination of the bodies, and found the "gordian knot" or band which connected them to be an extension of the sternum, about four inches in length and two in breadth. The band was convex above and in front and concave underneath. The two bodies had but one navel, which was in the centre of the band, and it is supposed that there were two umbilical cords branching from this.

The connecting link was found to be the ensiform cartilage, and was as hard as bone, and did not yield in the least. It is also stated that for some time previous to their death no motion was observable in the band. The Doctor said he did not think they would have survived a separation, not from the fact of being afraid of separating the arteries, but from fear of producing peritonitis. No hemorrhage would have been produced, so far as could be seen, as there were no arterial connections of any account.