

gentleman ill of delirium tremens, who became dangerously violent, in consultation with a physician of the city. Being a great rider and sportsman, he was induced to put on a strait waistcoat, on the representation that it was a newly invented riding jacket, which fitted tightly, to support the chest and back. Under the hallucination that a match had been made, and that he was about to ride a race, the patient wore this thirty-six hours, whilst all medicine was suspended, and he took nothing but cold water. He gradually fell asleep, the tightness about his body was relaxed, he slept fourteen hours, and awoke in his right mind.

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ART. XXXVII.—*An interesting Case of Identity.* By C. Frémont, M.D., Lecturer on Surgery. Quebec School of Medicine, &c.

On the 7th July, 1846, I was requested by the Coroner of this district to accompany him to some distance in the forest, in the rear of the Township of Stoneham, where an inquest was to be held on some human remains, accidentally discovered by a man the day before. After removing about five inches of partially decomposed leaves, a skeleton fully dressed in man's clothing was discovered. The position was, of course, recumbent, legs extended, with the head resting on the right arm, and the face inclined towards the earth.

The clothes, which were such as usually worn by old countrymen, were cut open, so as not to disturb the position of the disconnected portions of the skeleton.

The size of bones and the measurement of the pelvis left no doubt of its being the skeleton of a man.

Its length was 5 feet 9½ inches. No injury of the head nor of the other bones was perceptible.

The small bones of the extremities had disappeared, and were supposed to have been carried away by some of the many carnivorous animals inhabiting these woods. The woollen cap on the head contained a large quantity of hair of a light color. Suspended to the neck there was found a medal of the blessed Virgin and a small crucifix. A pipe, some tobacco, and a well-filled *houswife*, and beads, with 1s. 8½d. in anoney, were found in the pockets.

The teeth were little worn; they were sound, and were complete, with the exception of one of the molares, which had been extracted.

The left acetabulum, and the head of the thigh bone of the same side, gave signs of long standing disease. These signs were the remains of caries of the acetabulum, and a diminished size of the head of the femur,