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PROCEDURE IN POST-MORTEM MEDICO-LEGAL EXAMINATIONS.

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In the exercise of his manifold duties every practitioner is liable to be called upon to perform post-mortem operations; either for the elucidation of obscure deaths, or in the furtherance of the investigation of disease or crime. The majority of medical men in their busy life of treating and healing the sick have little time, or maybe inclination, to pursue studies necessary for a proper examination of the dead and present careful and exhaustive reports in such investigation. The following notes of the procedure in making a post-mortem examination, with such illustrative cases as have come under my notice during some years of connection with hospital and civic authorities, I have thought may be of use to the younger practitioners and students of medicine.

THE POST MORTEM.

After the official visit to the place *where the body was found*, and an inspection *on the spot* by the Medical Examiner, have been made, and a preliminary investigation, including an interview with the friends, relatives or police as to the probable or