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VIII.—*The United African Twins.* By W. MARSDEN, M.D., Governor
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The subjects of the following paper “Christina and Milley” are natives of Africa, and as nearly as can be gathered from their unconnected history, will be six years old in September next. When only one year of age they were dragged away by the slave dealer, together with both their parents, and three brothers and two sisters, and sold. Dr. MacGinlay of North Carolina, who was travelling in the Island of Cuba, in search of health, purchased them as natural curiosities, which they truly are, and removed them to the United States of America. His death, which took place the following year, deprived them of a kind friend and master, when they were sold with the other goods and effects of his estate.

The purchaser who paid £100 for them, with the design of exhibition, removed them to Philadelphia,—and Pennsylvania being a “free state” and the little negroes not being “runaway slaves,” the government, by a judgment of the court, declared them free; and appointed Messrs Millar and Thomson as their guardians. By an arrangement with the law authorities, Professor Millar is to pay annually to the state for five years to come, a certain sum of money, out of the profits of their exhibition, which is to be applied to the purchase of the freedom of their parents and family, to whom they will be reunited when manumitted.

The last number of the *Medical Chronicle* contains an interesting editorial article touching these twins, to which I beg to call attention, and alludes to the case of the Hungarian sisters, Judith and Helen, described by Buffon, in these terms:—“These young women were entirely separated from each other except by the anus, which was common to both, from which circumstance they simultaneously experienced the same desire to relieve nature; but in other respects, as in size, in tem-