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NOTES OF ABNORMALITIES,

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The following notes were taken on the spot during the last winter's session, from 36 bodies dissected. As some of the cases are rather unusual I thought the following short paper might prove acceptable to those of your readers who take an interest in Anatomy. I do not pretend to describe *all* the variations which occurred, but only those which attracted most attention at the time.

Osseous System.—We had one subject, (a squaw), in which there were three floating ribs on each side.

Muscular System.—One example of the posterior belly of the digastric and the stylo-hyoid muscle passing under cover of the external carotid artery. This occurred on both sides of the same subject. The stylo-hyoid muscle passing between the external and internal carotid is of no very great rarity, although I see mentioned in the Guy's Hospital Reports for 1868, in the article on '*Anatomical Abnormalities,*' that it did not occur once in 158 cases. I have never seen a case of the posterior belly of the digastric passing under cover of the external carotid recorded. In this subject the course of the external carotid