

SCIENTIFIC SURGERY.

A Dead Man's Brain Transferred to the Skull of a Living Subject—The most Remarkable Case of Surgery Ever Performed—Its Astonishing Results.

THE EXPERIMENT.

It was at Leipzig that the experiment was performed. A soldier who had killed the colonel of a regiment in cold blood, and whom the severity of Prussian military discipline would have caused to die a hundred deaths had it been possible, was deliberately handed over to the surgeons, by sentence of court martial, and was confined in a strong room in the military hospital, entirely in the dark as to the fate which awaited him.

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The chief fear was from the results of inflammation and suppuration, but fortunately neither ensued, and the wound on the part healed kindly. There was from the first no difficulty in feeding the patient, nor was difficulty anticipated, for it is well known that in puppies and kittens in which the aortic brain has been removed sucking and swallowing go as well as before the operation.

When speech became intelligible it was found that the soldier, as he seemed, had forgotten entirely his military training and discipline; on the other hand he was, at a formal examination, in the presence of a number of witnesses, the prices of all the wines and beers, such as the saloon keeper had been in the habit of buying and selling, manifesting the unimpaired cerebral activity of the latter.

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THE RATES OF POSTAGE.

Complete History of the Letter System. The history of the reduction of postage in this country is comprehensively given in a report made to the House of Representatives by Mr. Farnsworth. In 1793 the first postage act was passed. It introduced a highly complicated system. The lowest postage was six cents in places within thirty miles; eight cents to places within sixty miles; ten cents to places within one hundred miles; twelve and a half cents to places within one hundred and fifty miles; fifteen cents to places within two hundred miles; seventeen cents to places within two hundred and fifty miles; twenty cents to places within three hundred and fifty miles; twenty-two cents to places within four hundred and fifty miles; and twenty-five cents to places more than four hundred and fifty miles distant.

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