A Dead Man's Brain Transferred to the Skull of a Living Subject-The Most Remarkable Case of Surgery gver Performed-Its Astounding Re-

I give the facts as recorded in the Ga gotte Heodomadaire taken from the Tirchow's Archives, a medical journal published at Berlin.

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 surgeous, 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. He was kept there resily for an emergency which did not fail to occur. A keeper of a beer cellat in Leipzig, a man resembling, in many respects, the condemned soldier, and who had been seized with scute inflimmation of the heart, or rather of its investing membrane, was brought to the hospital to die of that incurable and promptly fatal malady. No sooner had the anticipated death taken place than the dead saloon keeper was placed on a talls by the side of another operating table, on which was the chloroformed but living body of the soldier. Two surgeons, with assistants, proceeded alike in both (8835 to divide the ecalp over the summit of the skull from ear to ear; turn back the divisions, and remove the skull cap by incilins passing around the skull like crown. In the soldier, whose carotid arteries had been prepared for compression these vesseis were clamped so as to prevent hemorrhage, and but a few drops of blood were lost during the entire operation. In each the dura mater was incis el and the hemispheres of the brain were removed by an incision with a sharp, thin bladed knife passing above the cerebillum, or a narrow poetion of about two inches in diameter called the crura cereby The brain of the saloen-keeper, which was sound, the heart disease hav ing laft it intact, he having been sensible to the last, was transferred to the skull of the coldier, and by an ingenious contrivance fully detailed in the Gazette, the eminuity of the arterial and venous tab - was established. The greatest care we taken in securing the natural adaptaton of the parts to a fraction of a line, and the skull, having been replaced simpy, wis held down and in position by us sulp, which was drawn over and its riges confined by adhesive plaster, and over a r was placed a bandage. It was not

the several days had passed that the pressure upon the carotid arteries was enfirely relaxed, although before the skull was replaced the flow of blood in the vessels of the brain was proved to be restored. The chief fear was from the results of influention and suppuration, but for tanately neither ensued, and the wound: er parts bealed kindly. There was from the first no difficulty in feeding the pait is well known that in pupples and kit moved sucking and swallowing go as case the nerves which preside over deg-Fill articulation returned

THE WONDERFUL RESULTS. The Hizette contains the report in a tabu ar form of the increasing voluntary Diver over the arms and hands, as measwell from day to day by the dynamome ter, the measurements given in kilogrammes; also the daily temperature of the limbs, as shown by the thermometer in degress of centigrade; also the measuse of returning sensibility of the fingers and lips, as given by an instrument called an æthesiometer; but I omit these, as Your readers will be interested in the main facts only.

When speech became intelligible it was found that the soldier, as he seemed,

THE RATES OF POSTAGR. 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 1792 the first postage act was passed. It introduced a highly complicated system. The lowest postage was six cents to 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-bundred and fifty miles distant. In 1799 the rates were changed. The lowest rate was raised to eight cents and the lowest distances to forty miles. Instead of nine rates there was six: twenty cents carried letters five hundred miles, and twenty-five cents was still charged for greater distances. In 1816 the minimum rates were again reduced to six cents, and the distance to thirty miles; only five rates were established; eighteen and a half cents carried letters four hundred miles, and for longer distances twenty-five cents was charged still.

These rates, with a single exception, where the postage was increased, continued until 1845, when the first material reduction took place. Five cents became the postage for letters carried a distance of less than three hundred miles; ten cents for all greater distances. At the same time the drop letter system was introduc ed, such letters being charged two cents. Previous to this time the rule had been that the above rates were for single letters—that is, letters on one sheet of paper, large or small, and without reference to weight. In 1845 the half ounce weight was made the standard, instead of the number of sheets. In 1851 the single rate was made three cents for all distances under 3,000 miles, and six cents for greater distances, if prepaid, this being the first inducement held out to prepay letters. Unpaid letters were charged five and ten cents, according to the distance. In:1855 prepayment was required, three cents be ing still the rates for distances under 8,000 miles, and ten cents charged: for greater distances. In 1868 the present rate of three cents, prepaid by stamp, for all distances, was established. The histo tory of these reductions shows, also, that no material loss of revenue has been their immediate result, and that no close at all has been permanent. Since 1851. when substantially the present rate was the revenue of the postoffice has increased from \$5,500,000 for that year to \$22,000, 000 in 1872; but we need not go further

The proposed reduction of the single letter rate to two cents is an exceedingly. important step. We can estimate very nearly what the effect of the present reduction will be. During the last year there sold four hundred and four and a tient, nor was difficulty anticipated, for half millions three cent stamps, and ninety three millions three cent envelopes tens in which the attre brain has been re- As double rates are almost always bid by additional stamps of this denominawell as before the operation, and in this tion, and as foreign postage is very fre quently paid with two or more three lutition and disgestion were far below the cent stamps, we may take \$15,000.000 the point of suction. The patient remained | value of five hundred millions three cent in a sound sleep for two weeks, as in stamps as the sum to be affected primari cise of apoplexy, the circulation, diges. It by the new reduction. Were the num ton, and all the vegetable functions of ber sold to the stationery, the conse his being uninterrupted. The gradual quence would be a loss to the revenue of union of the parts were shown by faint one third of this sum—in other words a but gradually increasing movements of loss of \$5,000,000. As a matter of fact. the limbs of the jaws, and of the muscles however, the natural increase in the numof expression in the face. The power of ber of letters is about ten per cent. annu spech did not become possible until the ally, and this would make the number of close of the third week, and then it was two cent stamps, substituted for threes, lesitating, stammering, as a child learns. for the year ending June 30, six hundred Although it was evident that the patient | millions, with a value of twelve million tried to utter words and sentences, it was dollars, and reducing the loss to three very gradually that the power of intelli- million dollars. Experience has universaily shown that reductions of postage cause an immediate increase of corres pondence, and it would not be at all surprising if the revenue from stamps and stamped euvelopes in 1874 were as large as in 1873. Accompanying the letter postage reform is a reduction of one-half on the postage of newspapers regularly mailed by publishers. The total revenue in this department last year was not quite a million dollars. It is a part of the postal system that does not exhibit as rapid growth as others, and a loss from a quirter to half a million dollars in this depart-

ment is inevitable.

A Mormon Paneral. 11 111. Mrs. Stenhouse, in her lecture on Morhad forgotten entirely his military train. | mon life, told the funny story; of Sister lag and discipline; on the other hand he | Picknel's funeral. The following was told, at a formal examination, in the press Bishop Hardy's sermon: "Wal, bruthence of a number of witnesses, the prices | run and sisters, you are all here, baipose, of all the wines and beers, such as the sa-kand so we'll begin. Wal, our sisters is bon keeper had been in the habit of buy- dead; let her rest. Our sister bas suffer ing and selling, manifesting the unim- ed and made others suffer, burshe is desit, paired cerebral activity of the latter. we'll let her rest. She opened the mor His memory recalled the saloon keeper's to the devils and let them in five years felatives, friends and customers, whom ago, when her busband took his young he called by name. The soldier had been wife. I told her then they would kill her ugis, taciturn, revengeful; he now had if she did not take care, and now they've the saloon keeper's frankness and even done it. She was a torment to her hus garrulity, in spite of his stammering ut band, and I guess if he'd a know'd that He was totally blind, although she'd a bin sich a terment be'd neve: the herves of smell and sight had been married her. Ain't that so, Brother approximated in the operation, they fail. Picknel?" "That's so, Bishop." "Wal. ed to unite. It was both sid and strange Brother Picknel, have you got anything to sea and hear the soldier groping in his th say?" "Not as know'd on, but s'pose ishingity of blindness and giving proof Lought to say sum ist, and if I do I shall of all the patient endurance and good | he sure to offend some of the sisters, so I been of heart which had made the salar of s'pose we'd better close the meetin' keeper deserved estoemed and presperous. This ended the funeral services.

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