SINGULAR CASE OF MONSTROSITY.

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IF the following singular case of monstrosity be deemed worthy of a place in your very valuable journal, you will oblige me by inserting it, in order that I may obtain the opinion of some of your able correspondents.

About six months ago I was called to see the infant of Mrs. I. of this town, who had just then been delivered by a common midwife; the mother had a natural labour and was doing well, but the child exhibited the appearances described in the annexed drawing, which was taken at my first visit.

A. the funis, rather small, but partly attached to the abdomen and partly to the tumour B, which was as large as a hen's egg, and on the second day somewhat inflamed, owing to the prying curiosity of the nurse, having been so frequently handled; when first seen, it had not the common

integuments to cover it, but was like the outer coat of the bladder, and when I pressed it, it shrunk under my fingers completely into the abdomen, and the child instantly voided its water from a large orifice at E extending transversely from E to C across the pubes. F is a small whitish body attached to the upper arch of the opening, seen only by raising the tumour B. or what I suppose to be the bladder. D resembles the glans penis, without any urethra or body of a penis, and attached to the under labium C, of the opening. GG the scrotum, but no testes; it has a raphe as you may perceive. Within the last month the child has been afflicted with an inguinal hernia on the right side, and suffers a deal of pain in going to stool, though the bowels are regular. The child has been baptized Matthew, but I gave it as my opinion that it was a girl.

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KAUSOS—BRAIN FEVER.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—We have lately seen paraded through the newspapers, as well as some of the medical journals, the outlines of a paper read on the 13th ultimo, at the College of Physicians, by the learned President, under, as it is stated, “the most auspicious circumstances.” With the Lord Chancellor having been placed on the right, and the first Lord of the Treasury on the left of the learned President, I have nothing to do; but I shall beg

leave to offer you a few observations on what I venture to conceive a great error, which may lead to a false practice and fatal consequences. I cannot admit that *kausos* and brain-fever are one and the same disease.

It is allowed, I believe, on all hands, that we are indebted to Hippocrates for our first account of the former, under the head of *puretoi kausoi*, by which it seems reasonable to suppose he meant, such febrile diseases as are attended by great heat of surface and unquenchable thirst, now better known under the general appellation of ar-