

(Letter to Dr. Oskar Klotz)
(typewritten)

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From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.

Dear Klotz,

If you spent a few days at the Surgeon General's library looking over the older books of plates you would find a great many relating to lesions of the arteries. Baillie's Plate IV, figures 2 & 3, (1799) are excellent. I daresay you have seen the Cevalliere plate of the aorta, which is a gem. I will ask if Harvey's anatomical plates have been photographed. I doubt it. There is a set too, at the College of Surgeons, of much the same date. It would be easy to see if the arteries show any signs of sclerosis.

It would be interesting for you to make an historical collection of the cardio-vascular literature. Why not bleed some wealthy Pittsburgh man for a couple of thousand dollars for the specific purpose! I should be very glad to help you spend it. W. A. Marburg, one of the Hopkins Trustee, has just handed over the money to buy the Jonathan Hutchinson iconography. You should begin with a copy of Harvey's 'De Motu Cordis', which I daresay I could pick up for you within a year or two for L25 or L30.

If the Harvey plates have not been photographed I could easily obtain permission, though it would be rather a job as they are hung high on the wall.

I am glad you are interested in old Lobstein, who was a first-class man and did great service in his day and generation.

Greetings to your good staff.

Sincerely yours,

WM OSLER.