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I have been a practicing physician for thirty five years. I was
Dean of the Atlanta Medical College. I gave Dr. Harris his first
position there. If a young lady between thirteen and fourteen
years of age died and a post mortem examination was made within
eight or ten hours after death, by a physician who makes a digital
and visual examination to determine whether there is any violence
to the vagina or not, and inserts his fingers for the purpose of
deciding, and the body is embalmed, and after nine days it is dis-
interred and another post mortem performed and the physician per-
forming the post mortem takes a half dozen strips and sees nothing
with his naked eye by way of congestion, but by the use od a micro-
scope finds that some of the epithelium is stripped from the wall
of the vagina, I don't think that the finding of the epithlium
stripped from the wall would indicate anything unusual. I don't
think that would indicate any act of violence. A females menstrual
periods brings about congestion and hemorrhages of the blood vessels
every time. The congestion gradually subsides within two or three
days. That would not be any indication of violence, nor could you
tell how long before death the violence had been in flicted. If a
young lady had a wound on the back of the head about an inch and a
hald long cutting to the skull and the skull was open and a small
hemorrhage was found, that did not involve pressure on the brain
and the brain itself was not injured, I am postive that no man
examining the body nine or ten days after ~~cauldxharexanythingxway~~
~~afxtalkingxwhatherxthatbody~~ death could have anyway of telling
whether that wound would produce unconsciousness or not. It would
be a pure conjecture if he said anything on that subject. Skulls
are sometimes fractures with out unconsciousness. Each stomach is
a law itself. It is a known fact that some stomachs will digest
different substances quicker than others. I don't think there is
an expert in the world who could form any definate idea by either