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A. Keith to Sir William Osler.
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(Script)

Dear Osler,

Please help me: I am puzzling over the relationship of the "Evelyn" to the "Harvey" Anat. Plates. Evelyn never heard of, nor saw, such preparations until he went to Padua in 1646 and seems firmly of opinion that his were the first made in Padua. Did Vestling's assistant (Leoncenaë) hum-bug him? There were no such plates at the College of Physicians in 1650 and Cowper (1687) seems to think Evelyn's were the only plates in England.

Did you see such tables in any of the Museums of Italy? Was there a real trade in those things or are the Harvey-Evelyn Plates the only examples known?

Forgive me my importunities and

~~Believe me,~~

~~Yours sincerely,~~

A. Keith.