8. Notice of an Ancient Grave discovered on the site of the Royal Circus, Edinburgh.—Communicated by JAMES SKENE, Esq. of Rubieslaw, F.S.S.A.

In digging the foundation of a house on the west side of the New Circus, an ancient grave was discovered at a considerable depth under ground in a gravel bank. Its position lay north and south, which is generally understood to demonstrate a high antiquity. It was lined all round with flag stones. The form of the skeleton was still discernible when opened, but fell into powder when touched. The skull was at the south end, and some of the teeth remained tolerably entire, of which some fragments are preserved. Nothing appeared in the grave or on the stones to lead to any inference as to its history. *Edin.* 10th May 1822. J. S.

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