On Plica Polonica and the forgotten Joseph Romain Louis Kerckhoffs (1789-1867)

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ABSTRACT

Plica Polonica (or Plica Neuropathica) is a rare hair disorder, an acute hair felting. The one who described this phenomenon thoroughly and who has been almost totally absent in history-of-medicine textbooks, is the French-Dutch physician, Joseph Romain Louis Kerckhoffs (or Kerckhove) (1789-1867).

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