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A N EXTRAORDINARY FREAK of NATURE,

or, a Man encrusted with a Barnacle or Stone-like Skin.— There is at present living in Aldersgate-street a man, who, for some time past, has been the subject of a complaint as wonderful as ever visited the heirs of mortality. The skin of this most extraordinary *lusus naturæ* is covered nearly universally with enormous bony or shell-like concretions closely resembling clusters of shells or the barnacles adhering to the native oyster; they are of a white colour, and to the touch rough and hard, are productive of no pain, and the only inconvenience experienced is a sense of tightness and almost entire want of rest, as the pressure of a recumbent position gives to him the sensation of lying upon a board thickly studded with nails, or, as he aptly expresses it, lying upon a bag of sticks. As this most wonderful phenomenon is daily increasing there is little doubt but that in a short time he will be clad in a coat of mail as universal and impenetrable as that of the armadillo or rhinoceros. Doubtless members of the medical profession and humane persons will feel interested in visiting this prodigy, as, from his stony encasement, he is daily becoming more unable to provide for himself and his numerous family, who are depending upon him for subsistence. The case being under the medical superintendence of Mr. Kitching, surgeon, 100, Aldersgate-street, that gentleman will have much pleasure in communicating with the scientific and humane. 1834