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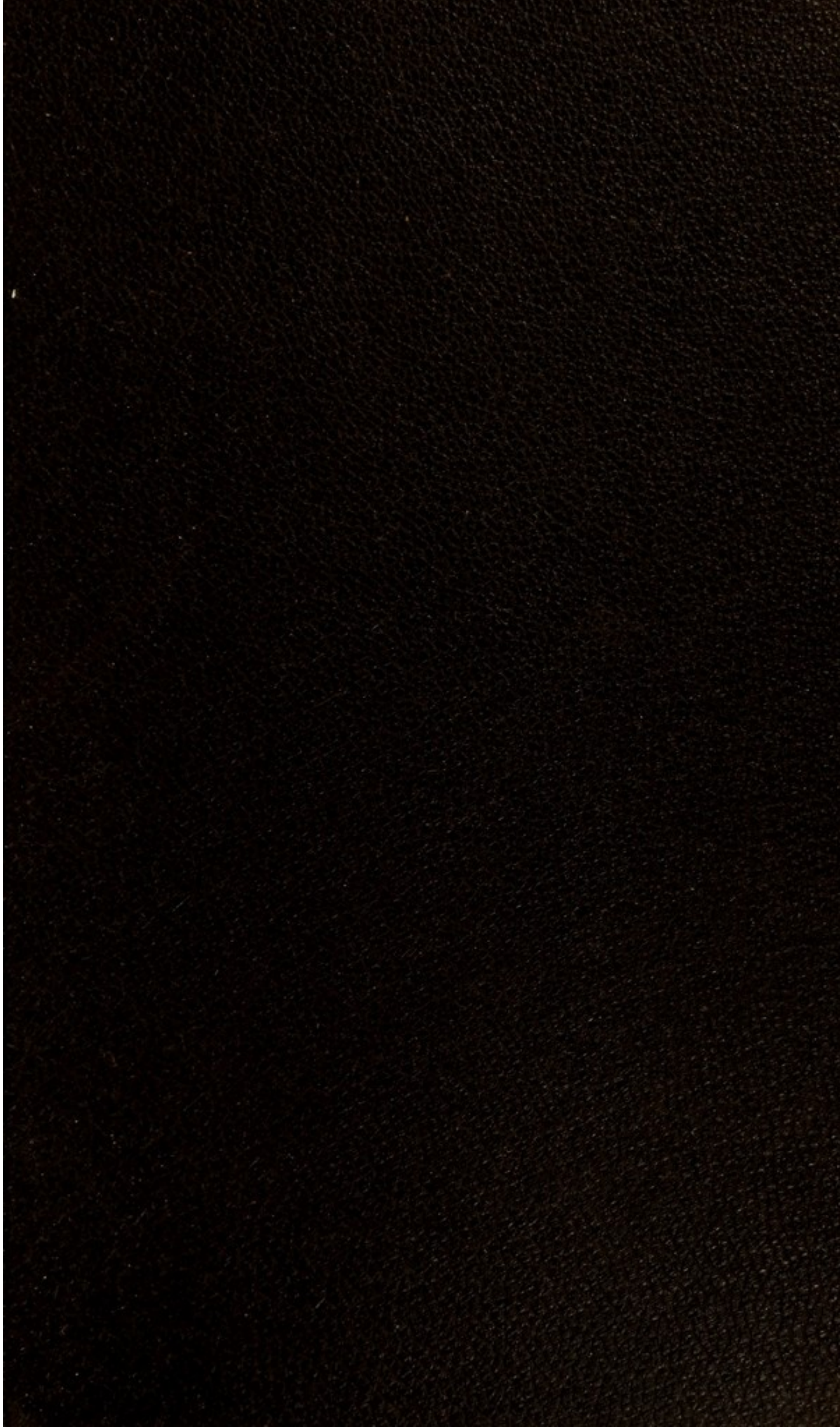
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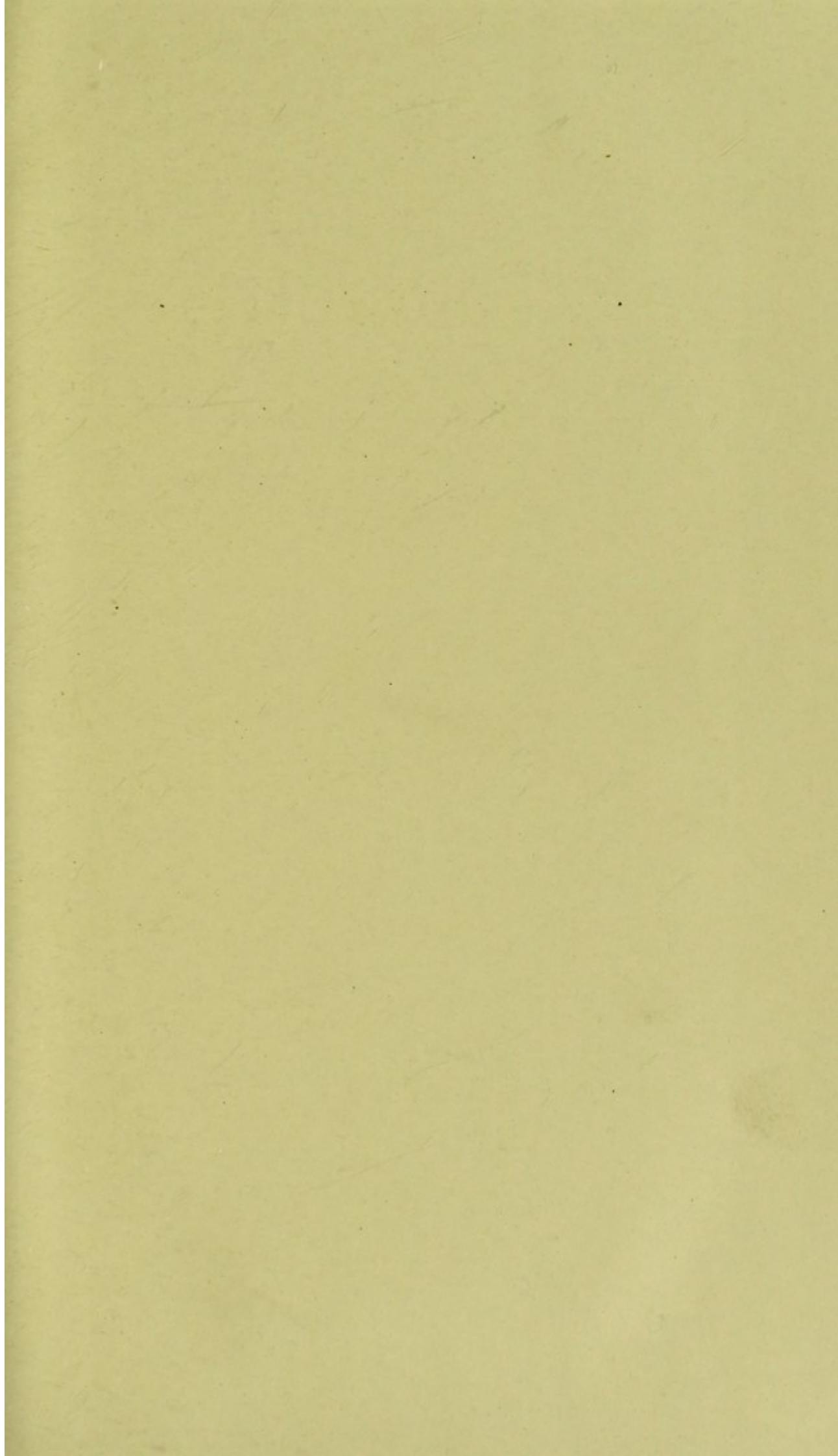
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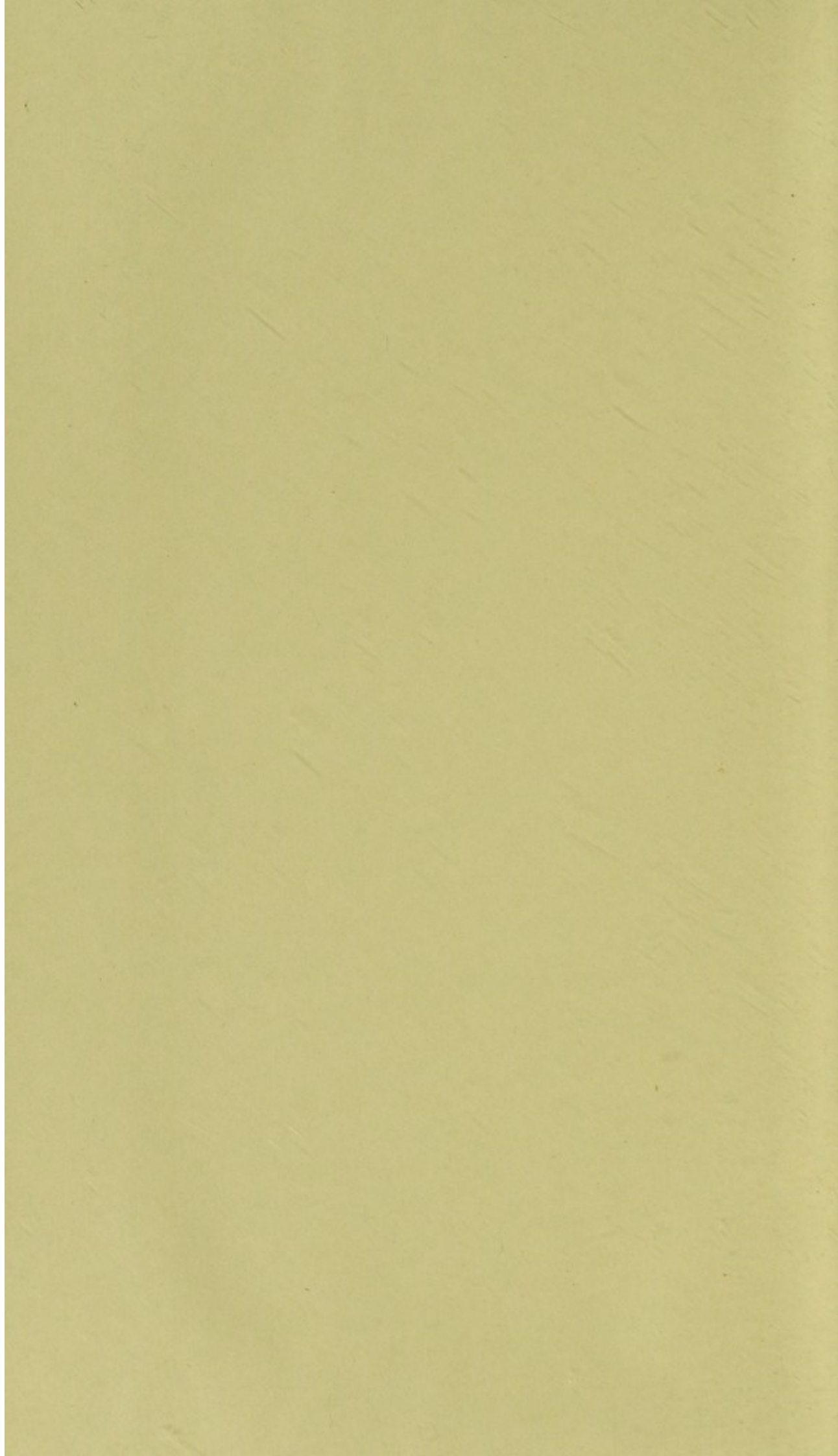


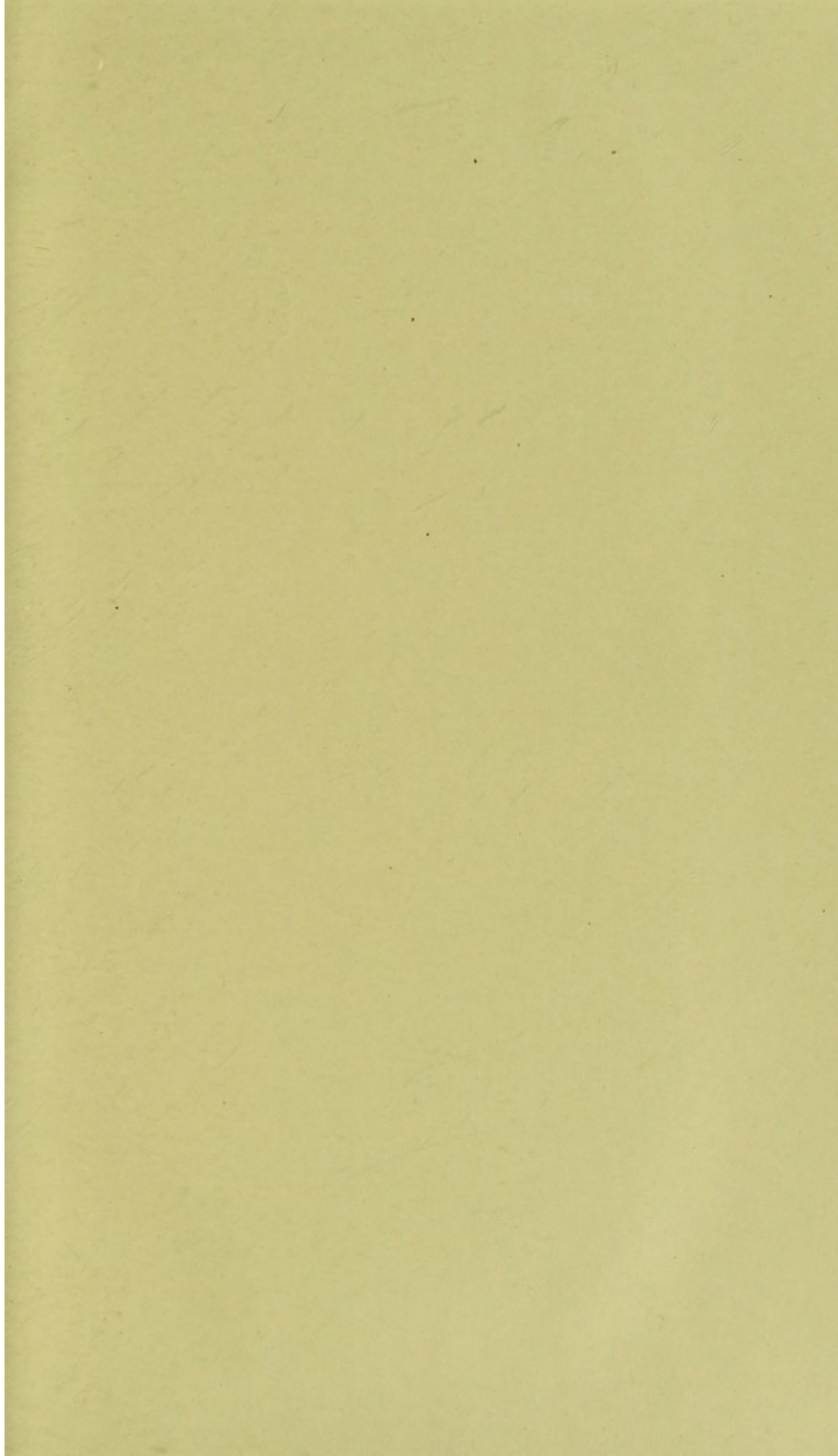
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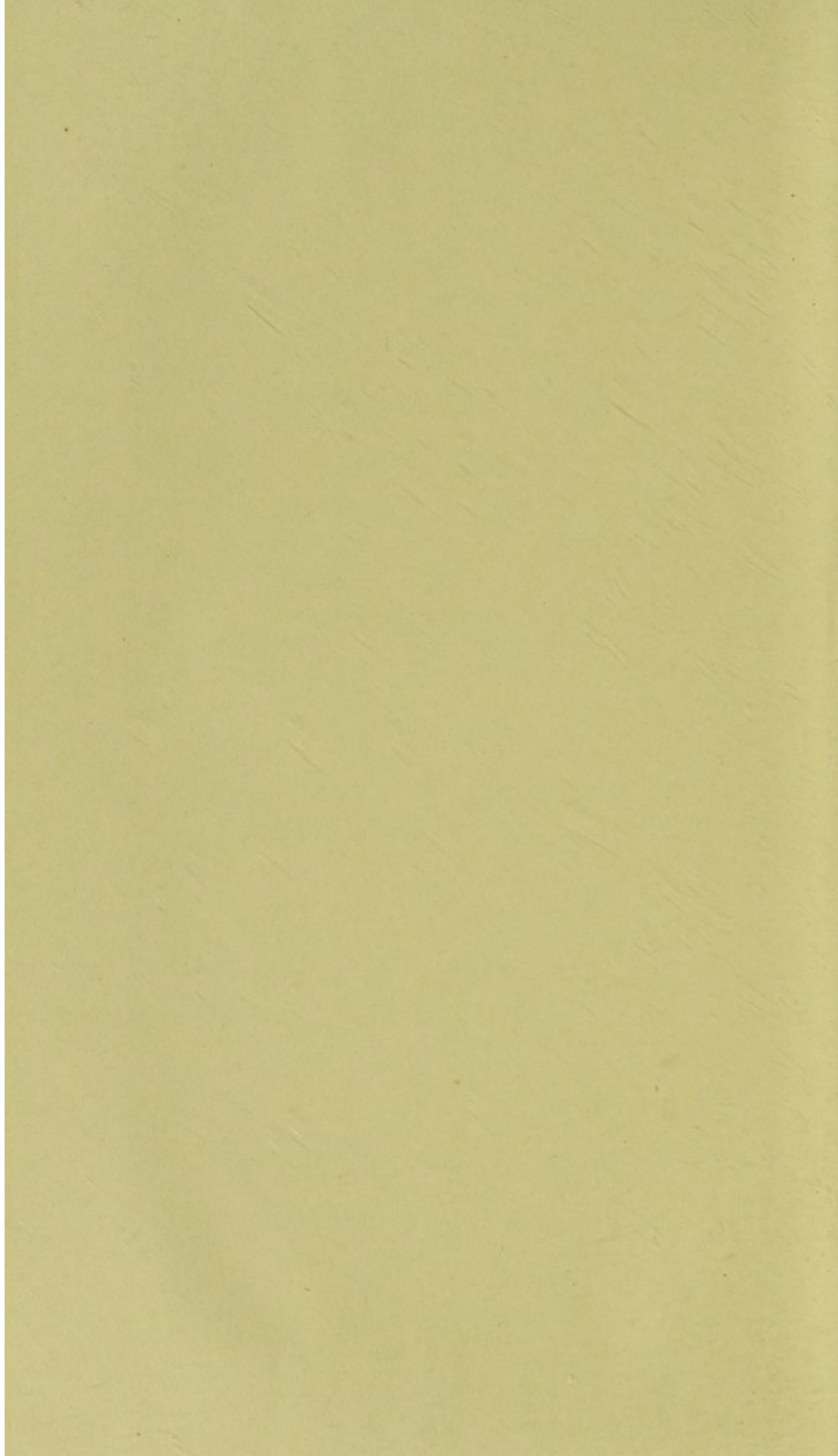


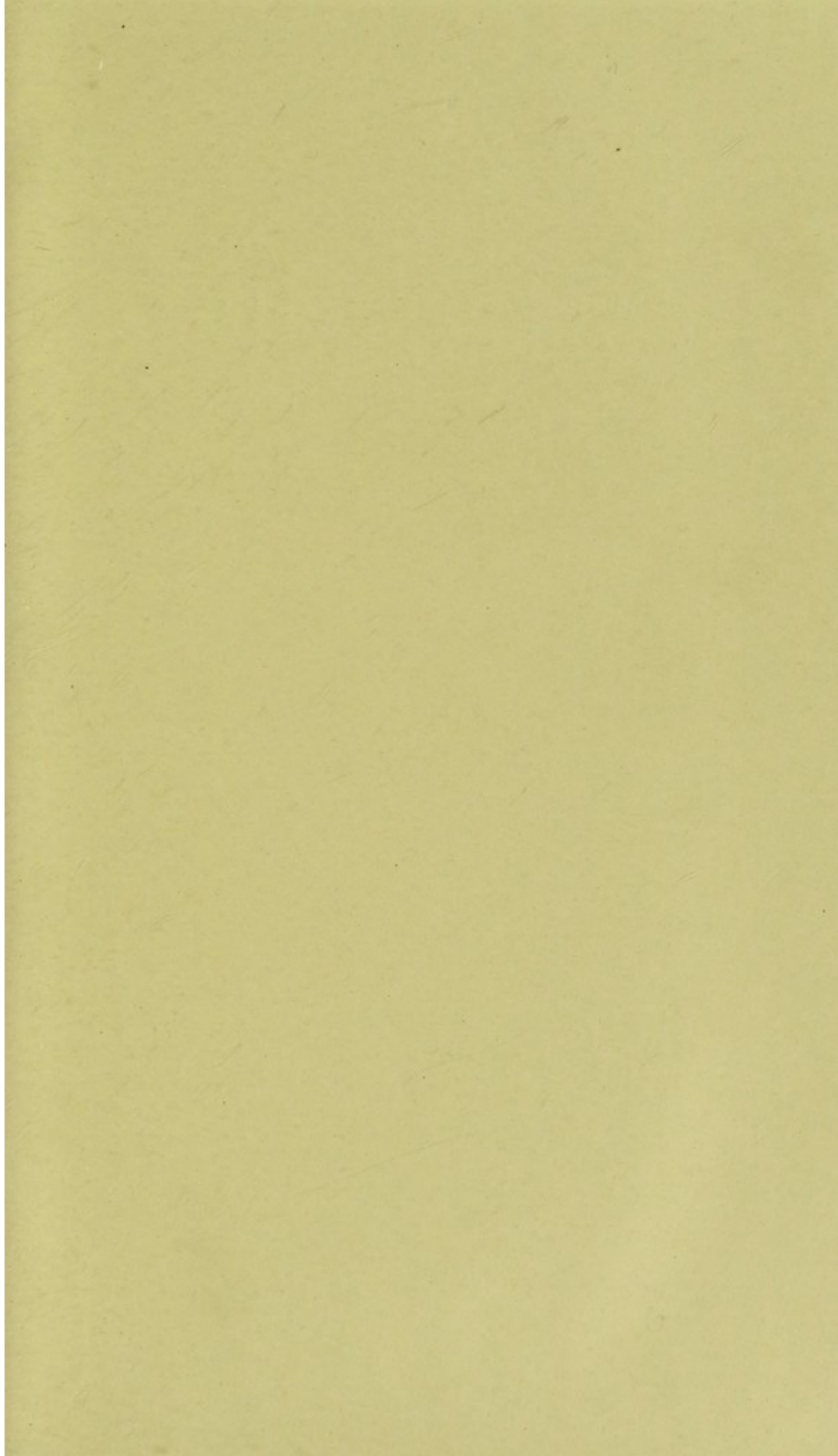
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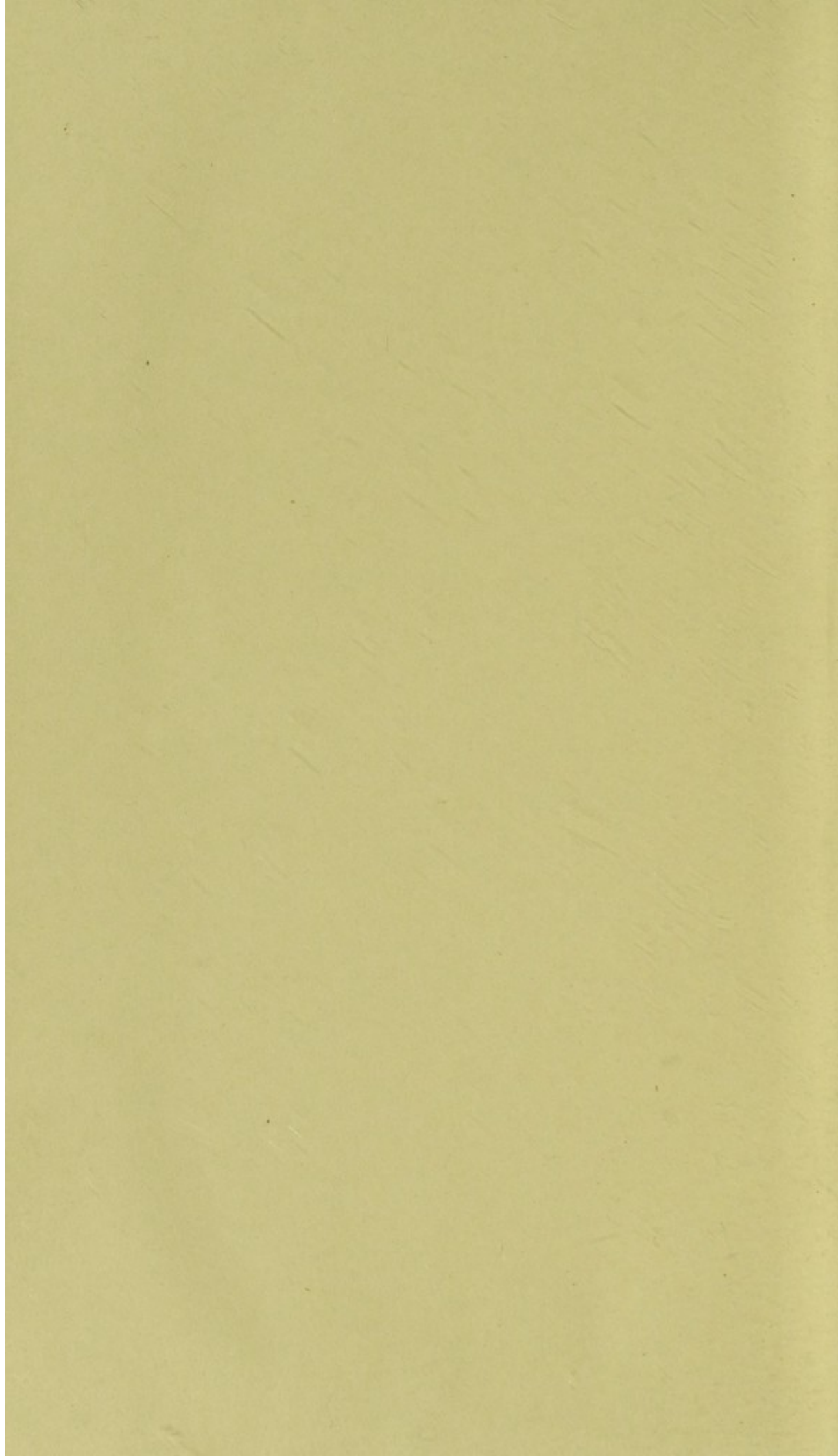














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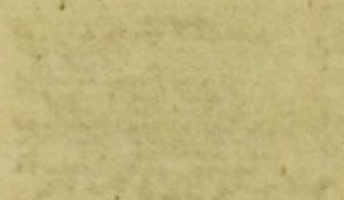
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TO THE
Society of SURGEONS
OF HIS
MAJESTY's Royal Navy.

GENTLEMEN,

AS many of you must be sensible, how little the best Information we can acquire in this temperate Climate, qualifies us for treating the Diseases which are frequent in warmer Latitudes, with the desired Success, I take the Liberty to

addresses the following Sheets to your Society.

They contain, 'tis true, an Account of the Diseases only, of a small, remote Part of the *British* Dominions; but of a Part in which Numbers of his Majesty's Subjects, beside the Natives and those employed in the Protection of the Place, are often brought together, both in Time of Peace and War: And as the Qualities of the Air, and the Course of the Seasons in *Minorca* correspond nearly with those in several other Parts of the World, to which our Fleets frequently repair, it is probable the Diseases may likewise be similar.

Would

DEDICATION.

Would all who practise Physick in our Factories and Colonies abroad embrace the Opportunity their Situation affords, to make proper Observations on the Sick, and communicate them to the Public, we should soon have a more exact and ample History of Diseases, than we are yet possessed of; and future Practitioners would be enabled to shun the Dangers into which many have fallen, and to conduct those committed to their Care, through the Disorders they are exposed to, with Satisfaction and Honour to themselves, and no small Benefit to their Country. It is therefore with great Pleasure, that I see this is particularly recommended,

in the Plan for publishing medical Observations, which you have lately established, and will, it is hoped, prosecute with the Vigour so useful an Institution deserves.

For my own Part, I must confess, I had not been long in *Minorca* e'er I had great Reason to wish, that some of the Practitioners who had been there before me, and who must have seen how widely the predominant Distempers in this Island differ from those in *England*, had been at the Pains to furnish their Successors with some Hints, some Observations, by which the fatal Consequences frequently attending these Diseases, might have been timely foreseen, or happily prevented.

Being

Being therefore fully convinced, that some Remarks of this Nature might be useful to those who should afterwards practise in this Island, I determined to observe and record, with the utmost Care and Impartiality, whatever should appear conducive to a thorough Knowledge of its Diseases and their Cure; imagining that, next to the immediate Care of the Sick, this would be the most essential Service, which one in my Station could render to the Publick.

With this View, in the Year 1743 I began to keep a Diary of the Weather, to remark the Course of the Seasons, to describe the Diseases they produced; and that commonly in the Chambers of the Sick:

Which Diary I continued, with no small Labour and Assiduity, in the midst of an extensive Practice both among the *English* and *Natives*, till the Year 1749; when the Removal of the Regiment, in which I have the Honour to serve, obliged me to leave the Island, and furnished me with Leisure for revising my Observations, and collecting, from a vast Multitude of Cases, such general Remarks as appeared worthy to be communicated to the Publick.

You will observe that amongst the Epidemics of *Minorca*, Tertian Fevers make the most considerable Part. The Diversity of their Types, the Violence of their Symptoms, their fallacious Intermissions, their sudden,
and

and too frequently pernicious Events, rendered it necessary to give an explicit Account of them; and the more so, as they seldom appear in this Manner in the northern Parts of *Europe*; though in *Greece*, in *Italy*, and the adjacent Countries, it is evident from the Remains of Antiquity *, and the Writings of the most judicious Moderns †, that they ever have been, and still are, very frequent, and that with a surprizing Constancy and Uniformity of Symptoms; though to one who never had an Opportunity of observing them in all Shapes, nor seen them amply

* Hippocrat. Aphor. § iii. N°. 21, and De Morb. Vulg. Lib. vii. Afclepiad. apud Cæl. Aurel de Morb. acut. Lib. ii. Cap. x. Galen. de Morb. temp. sub finem.

† River. Lib. xvii. § iii. Cap. i. Lancif. Epid. Torti Therapeut. Special. Bianch. Hist. hepat. p. 3, &c.

described, they have the Appearance of great Irregularity and Confusion.

And it is more than probable, from the Accounts of several Physicians * and Travellers, that epidemical Tertians are not wholly confined to the Coasts and Islands of the *Mediterranean*; but that they are equally frequent and destructive in many other Parts of the Globe, and perhaps may be deemed the anniversary autumnal Distempers of most hot Countries in the World.

A Tertian, it is true, when once discovered, may for the most part be readily cured, as we have so safe and efficacious a Remedy as the

* Spigel. de Semitertian. Lib. ii. Cap. i. Tennent on the Diseases of Virginia, p. 12. Warren on the Fever of Barbadoes, p. 70.

Bark in our Hands: But in warm Climates, such is the rapid Progress of this Distemper, that it is requisite we should know it in the Beginning, that no Opportunity may be lost of giving the Remedy in a sufficient Quantity, to avert those Dangers into which the Sick are otherwise very soon precipitated: Yet the Variableness of its Aspect, and its frequently personating other acute Diseases, render this often difficult to the most experienced; and much more so to those who have seldom or never seen such Tertians, as they are only now and then to be met with in *England*.

These Considerations induce me to believe, that the Account of them contained in the following Pages, will neither be unacceptable nor useless to many of your Society; and

and particularly to those, who, by their Station in his Majesty's Service, are often obliged to take Care of Numbers of their Fellow Subjects, in Climates exposed to such Disorders; whilst at the same Time their quick Transition from one Place to another, prevents their acquiring a competent Knowledge of the various Epidemics from their own Observation.

To you, therefore, Gentlemen, I address these Remarks with the utmost Deference and Esteem, being in Hopes, that the Motives which prevailed with me to offer them to you and the Public, will sufficiently plead my Apology to both, for any Imperfections that may appear in this Performance, with regard to Method or Expression. I am

Your most humble Servant,

London, May 1.

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G. CLEGHORN.



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T H E
INTRODUCTION.

WHEN I determined to write upon the Fevers, which have, of late Years, been epidemical in *Minorca*, I thought it would not be improper, in the first Place, to give a short Account of the Nature of the Climate; the Qualities of the Soil and its Productions; the Manners of the Inhabitants; their Diet, and Way of Life; and to mention some other Diseases to which they are peculiarly subject.

The following Introduction is intended for this Purpose; and the Reader will easily discover by the Style, that it was composed, during my Residence in that Island.

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The Air is much more clear, and pure, than in *Britain*; being seldom darkened with thick Fogs: Yet the low Vallies are not free from Mists and unwholesome Vapours; and in windy Weather the Spray of the Sea is driven over the whole Island; as is evident, from the briny Dew found on the Leaves of Vegetables growing in the most inland Parts of it. Hence it is, that Utenfils of Brass or Iron are extremely susceptible of Rust, in spite of all Endeavours to preserve them; and household Furniture, if not frequently exposed to Fire or the Sun, contracts a Mouldiness, and is destroyed by the Moisture.

The Summers are dry, clear, calm, and excessive hot; the Autumns moist, warm, and unequal, at one Time perfectly serene, at another cloudy and tempestuous: Nor are the Summer and Autumnal Seasons of one Year much different from those of another. During the Winter, Storms of any Kind, are neither frequent, nor of long Continuance (though sometimes very violent) and when-

whenever they cease, the Weather returns to its usual Serenity. The Spring is always variable, but bears a stronger Resemblance of the Winter than the Summer Season.

The Changes of Heat and Cold, are neither so sudden nor so great in this Climate as in many others. In the Compass of a Year, the Mercury in FAHRENHEIT's Thermometer, seldom rises much above the 80th, nor falls below the 48th Degree; and tho' it has been observed, in extraordinary Seasons, to reach the 87th, and descend to the 41st Degree; yet it attains not usually to either of these Extremities, nor continues at them long. In Summer there is scarcely ever four or five Degrees Difference between the Heat of the Air at Noon, and at Night. and in Winter the Variation is still less considerable.

What I have said with Regard to the Thermometer, is to be understood of one kept within Doors, and so situated, as neither to be affected by the solar Rays, nor

the Influence of a Fire. For if it be exposed to the Summer's Sun, it will rise 12, 14, or 16 Degrees higher than in the House; and in other Seasons, the Difference between the Air in the Shade, and that heated by the direct Rays of the Sun, is frequently found much greater. Yet even in the Dog Days, the Heat of the Atmosphere, at least in open Places, where there is a free Circulation of Air, seldom surpasses that of the Blood of a Man in Health.

The Winds about the vernal and autumnal Equinoxes, and sometimes during the Winter, are extremely boisterous. In the other Seasons, they are usually moderate, and according to the Seamen's Observations, they rarely blow in the same Direction near the Islands adjacent to the *Gulph of Lyons*, as in the open Sea.

During the Summer, in the Mornings and Evenings there is commonly a perfect Calm: But the Middle of the Day is cooled by refreshing Breezes, which rise in the East, and following the Course of the Sun, en-

crease gradually till two or three o'Clock in the Afternoon; and die away insensibly as Night approaches. This renders the intense Heat of the Sun less dangerous and inconvenient: But if these Breezes intermit for a Day, the Natives themselves grow languid and inactive from the Sultriness of the Season.

The Northerly Winds in general are cold, dry, and healthy; they dispel the Mists, and make a clear blue Sky; whilst those which blow from the opposite Points render the Air warm, moist, and unhealthy. That the Influence of the North Wind is superior to the rest, is evident from hence, that the Tops of all the Trees incline to the South, and the Branches on the North Side are bare and blasted. The next to it in Force is the North-West. Both these Winds are frequent towards the Close of Winter, and in Spring; and as they are dry and cold, they shrivel up the Leaves of the Vegetables, destroy their tender Shoots, and are often excessively detrimental to the Vineyards and rising Corn. The piercing Blasts, which blow at the same

Season from the North-East, as they are moister, and more frequently attended with Rain, are not so prejudicial. The South and South-East Winds are by much the most unhealthy. In whatever Seasons they blow, the Air is foggy, and affects the Breathing ; but in the Summer they are sultry and suffocating. An excessive Dejection of Spirits is then a universal Complaint ; and, on exposing the Thermometer to the Rays of the Sun, the Mercury has frequently risen above the 100th Degree. The West Wind is usually drier than the South : The East is cold and blustering in the Spring, and sultry in the Summer.

The Weather in this Climate is generally fair and dry : But when it rains, the Showers are heavy, though of short Continuance ; and they fall most commonly in the Night.

The Sky in Summer is clear, and of a beautiful Azure, without Clouds or Rain ; but moderate Dews descend regularly after Sun-set.

As the Autumn draws near, the Weather becomes less serene ; Whirl-winds and Thunder are frequent. In the Nights, Lightning, and those Meteors called falling Stars, are very common.

At that Season, Water-spouts are often seen in the Neighbourhood of the Island ; and sometimes they break upon the Shore. LUCRETIVS * has described them elegantly, and the various Shapes, in which they appear, are well represented by Dr. STUART in the *Philosophical Transactions* †.

About the Autumnal Equinox, a sudden Alteration in the Weather ensues ; the Skies are darkened with Clouds, and the Rain falls in such Quantities, that the Torrents thereby

* Nam fit ut interdum tanquam demissa columna,
In mare de cœlo descendat ; quam freta circum
Ferviscunt, graviter spirantibus incita flabris,
Et quæcunque in eo, tum sunt deprensa tumultu,
Navigia, in summum veniunt vexata periculum.

De Rer. Nat. l. vi.

† Plate I. Vol. 4. Part II.

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occasioned, pouring from the Hills, tear up Trees by the Root, carrying away Cattle, Fences, and doing considerable Mischief to the Gardens and Vineyards. But then these anniversary Rains are much more violent than lasting, always falling in sudden heavy Showers, with Intervals of fair Weather. As they come after a long scorching Summer, they are very acceptable and beneficial; for they mitigate the excessive Heat of the Air, give a Check to the epidemical Diseases, and by softening the Sun-burnt Earth, render it capable of being cultivated. They are commonly accompanied with Thunder, Lightning, and Squalls of Wind for the most Part from the North. Such Storms as these are seldom seen in cold Countries; but they are frequent enough in warmer Climates; and the Descriptions given of them by VIRGIL *, are equally just and poetical.

Hail

* Sæpe etiam, immensum cœlo venit agmen aquarum,
Et fœdam glomerant tempestatem imbris atris
Collectæ ex alto nubes: ruit arduus Æther,
Et pluvîâ ingenti sata læta boumque labores

Diluit:

The INTRODUCTION.

Hail and Snow are often intermixed with the Rains which fall in Winter and in Spring; but the Snow, for the most Part, dissolves immediately; and Ice is here an uncommon Appearance.

It is not my Design to give a geographical Account of the Island, its Situation, Harbours, Cities, and other Particulars, of this Nature, these may be met with elsewhere: I shall only observe that the whole of it is what the

Diluit; implentur fossæ, et cava flumina crescunt
Cum sonitu, fervetque fretis spirantibus Æquor.
Ipse Pater, mediâ nimborum in nocte, corusca,
Fulmina molitur dextrâ; quo maximo motu
Terra tremit: fugere feræ, et mortalia corda
Per gentes humiles stravit pavor; ille flagranti
Aut Atho, aut Rhodopen, aut alta Ceraunia telo
Dejicit: ingeminant Austri, et densissimus imber,
Nunc nemora ingenti vento, nunc litora plangunt.

VIRG. *Georg.* L. i. ver. 322.

Effusis imbribus atris
Tempestas sine more furit, tonitruque tremiscunt
Ardua terrarum, et campi: ruit æthere toto
Turbidus imber aquâ, densisque nigerrimus Austris.

Æneid. L. v. ver. 693.

Sailors

Sailors term low Land; excepting a few Hills near the Center, of which the most considerable, named *Toro* by the Inhabitants, may be discovered from Sea, in clear Weather, at twelve or fourteen Leagues distance.

The Surface of the Island is rough and unequal; and in many Places divided, by long narrow Vales of a considerable Depth, which are called *Barranco's* by the Natives. They begin towards the middle of the Island, and after several Windings, terminate at the Sea. The South West Side is more plain, and regular, than towards the North East; where the Hills are higher, with low marshy Vallies between them, the Soil less fruitful, and the whole Tract unhealthy to Man and Beast. Near the Towns and Villages the Fields are well cultivated, and enclosed by stone Walls: But the rest, for the most Part, is rocky, or covered with Woods and Thickets. There are some Pools of standing Water, and but very few Rivulets; one cannot therefore easily account for Cardinal DE RETZ's * Mistake, when he describes a Num-

* See his Memoirs.

ber of Streams pouring into *Mabon* Harbour, unless we suppose him to have seen it in the rainy Season.

The Soil is light, thin, and very stony, with a good deal of Sea Salt, and some calcareous Nitre intermixed. In most places there is so little Earth, that the Island appears to be but one large irregular Rock, covered here and there with Mould, and an infinite Variety of Stones. Notwithstanding this, it is not only extremely proper for Vineyards, but produces more Wheat and Barley, than could at first Sight be imagined. And, if the Peasants may be credited, it would always yield a Quantity of Corn, and Wine, sufficient for the Natives; did not the Violence of the Winds, and the excessive Drought of the Weather, in different Seasons frequently injure their Crops.

The Fields commonly lie fallow for two Years, and are sown the third. About the latter End of Winter, or the Beginning of Spring, they are first broke up; and next
Autumn,

Autumn, as soon as the Rains fall, they are again ploughed, and prepared for receiving the proper Seeds. The Tillage is neither a laborious, nor an expensive Work; for a Plough so light as to be transported from Place to Place, on the Ploughman's Shoulder, and to be drawn by a Heifer, or an Ass sometimes assisted by a Hog, is sufficient for opening so thin a Soil. The later the Harvest happens, the more plentiful it proves. The Barley is usually cut down about the 20th of May New Style, and the Wheat is reaped in June; so that the whole Harvest is commonly got in by Midsummer Day. The Grain is not threshed with Flails as in *England*, but trodden out on a smooth piece of Rock by Oxen and Asses, according to the Practice of the eastern Nations.

In the planting of Vines, it is customary to lay a large Stone on every Slip; this is a Protection, as VIRGIL observes *, against the excessive Heat of the Sun, which

* Hoc, effusos munimen ad imbres:
Hoc, ubi hiulca siti findit canis æstifer arva.

Georg. 2.

would

would otherwise in so shallow a Soil, deprive it of all Moisture; and at the same Time prevents the Mould being washed away by the immoderate Rains. *September* is the Season for the Vintage. After the Grapes are trampled, but before they are pressed, they are sprinkled over with Powder of Alabaster (1), in order to give the Wine a brighter red Colour. Such Wines as are made with Care, from the Fruit of old Vineyards, still deserve the Commendations formerly given them by PLINY *. And they have one Property, seldom to be met with in Wines of this Complexion, I mean that of keeping the Body open, which renders them less heating, and therefore less prejudicial. But since the Commencement of the War, as *Mahon* Harbour has become the Rendezvous for Ships of different Nations, the Quantity of the Wine, has been more regarded by the Proprietors, than it's Quality. Hence

(1) Called by the Natives *Parell*; it is got out of the same Pits with the Plaister of Paris.

* Lib. 24. C. 6. *Vina Balearica conferuntur Italiae primis.*

the greatest Part of it grows four in the Beginning of the Summer : And this is probably the principal Reason, why Dyfenteries have of late Years, been both more frequent, and more fatal, than usual.

The Natives hang up Clusters of ripe Grapes (1) to the Cielings of their Chambers, in order to dry for Winter Store. The *Sapa Vini* (2), together with various Roots and Fruits preserved by being boiled in it, amongst other Uses, makes a considerable Part of their Bill of Fare on fast Days.

In some Places there are Fields of Hemp (3), Flax (4), and Tobacco (5) : They likewise sow Beans (6), Chichlings (7), Chich Pease (8), two Species of the Kidney

(1) *Uvæ Penfiles, Panjois.*

(2) *Arrop.*

(3) *Cannabis, Canem.*

(4) *Linum, Lli.*

(5) *Nicotiana, Tabach.*

(6) *Faba, Favas.*

(7) *Lathyrus, Guixes.*

(8) *Cicer, Ciurous, Garravanfos.*

Bean (1), and Lentils (2): These being a considerable Part of their Diet at such Times as they are prohibited from eating Meat, by their Religion. There are a few Pease (3) in the Vineyards and Gardens; but these are commonly reserved for the Tables of the Wealthy.

In the moist fenny Grounds, they plant Quantities of Canes (4), which they make use of instead of Laths, to support the Tiles, in the Roofs of their Buildings. They have also in some few Places *Indian* Wheat (5), Job's-Tears (6), and *Indian* Reed (7): The hard, stoney Seeds of the two last being perforated and strung, serve them as Beads for their Rosaries.

(1) Phaseolus, the common white large Kidney-Bean is called *Mongeta*; a smaller Sort with a black Spot in its middle *Fesol*, or *Guixon*.

(2) Lens, *Llentias*.

(3) Pisum, *Pofols*.

(4) Arundo donax, *Canya*.

(5) Mayz, *Blad de las indias*.

(6) Lachryma Job, *Lagrimas de viu*.

(7) Cannacorus, *Mariettas*.

Their

Their Gardens are more for Use than Show, and furnish most Kinds of Pot Herbs, Roots, and Sallading, in great Plenty: And the Herb Market of *Mahon*, has been as useful to the *British* Fleet in restoring the Health of the Sailors, as the Harbour in refitting and securing the Ships. There are at all Seasons, Cabbages (1), Coleworts (2), Lettice (3), Spinage (4), Endive (5), Beets (6), Parsley (7), Cresses (8), Leeks (9), Onions (10), Garlick (11), Sellery (12), Radishes (13), Horfe Radish (14), Sage (15),

(1) *Brassica capitata*, *Cols capdelladas*.

(2) *Brassica aperta*, *Cols abertas*.

(3) *Lactuca*, *Llatugas*.

(4) *Spinachia*, *Espinachs*.

(5) *Cichorium* five *Endivia*, *Escarolas*.

(6) *Beta*, *Bledas*.

(7) *Apium* five *Petro selinum*, *Fullivert*.

(8) *Nasturtium*, *Murrisa*.

(9) *Porrum*, *Porras*.

(10) *Cæpe*, *Cebas*.

(11) *Allium*, *Alls*, *Ai'as*.

(12) *Apium dulce*, *Apits*.

(13) *Raphanus*, *Ravas*.

(14) *Raphan. rust.* *Cochlear. Spec. Ravas de cavall.*

(15) *Salvia*, *Sauvia*.

Mint (1), Sweet Marjoram (2), Wild Marjoram (3), Thyme (4), &c. You have beside these in Winter, Carrots (5), Parsnips (6), Turnips (7), Artichoaks (8), Asparagus (9), and Colly-flower (10): In Summer, Love-Apples (11), Mad-Apples (12), Guinea Pepper (13), together with various Kinds of Cucumbers (14), Pumpions (15), Musk-melons (16), and Water-melons (17), in great Plenty and Perfection. But as the Climate is liable to severe Droughts, every

- (1) *Mentha, Herba sana.*
- (2) *Majorana, Morredux.*
- (3) *Origanum, Orenga.*
- (4) *Thymus, Them.*
- (5) *Daucus, Bastenagues.*
- (6) *Pastinaca, Xarovias.*
- (7) *Rapum, Naps.*
- (8) *Cynara, Carxofas.*
- (9) *Asparagus, Esparachs.*
- (10) *Brassica cauliflora, Cols flos.*
- (11) *Lycopersicon, mala Aurea, Tomatils, Tomatigues.*
- (12) *Melongena, mala insana, Auberginias.*
- (13) *Capficum, Pebres.*
- (14) *Cucumis, Cubombros.*
- (15) *Pepo, Carabafas.*
- (16) *Melo, Melons.*
- (17) *Anguria, Sindrias.*

Garden is supplied with a deep Well ; from whence by means of the *Persian Wheel* *, the Gardiner fills his Reservoir, and from it conveys the Water by Stone Canals, to the different Beds as Occasion requires.

Beside the Fruits common in *England*; such as Cherries (1), Apples (2), Pears (3), Apricocks (4), Plumbs (5), Peaches (6), Medlars (7), Mulberries (8), Quinces (9), and Walnuts (10); there are several others ripen here, which in colder Countries, seldom or never come to Perfection, even with the Help of a Hot-bed; such as the large juicy Pomegranates (11), of which

* See a Figure of the *Persian Wheel* in *Shaw's Travels*.

- (1) *Cerasus, Cireras.*
- (2) *Malus, Pomus.*
- (3) *Pyrus, Pyras.*
- (4) *Armeniaca, Aubercoes.*
- (5) *Prunus, Prunes.*
- (6) *Perfica, Presechs.*
- (7) *Mespilus, Nesples.*
- (8) *Morus, Moros.*
- (9) *Cydonia, Codoñs.*
- (10) *Nux. Juglans, Nous.*
- (11) *Punica, Magranas.*

there:

there is great Abundance in every Garden ; Lemons (1), Citrons (2), and Oranges (3), which are all, of late Years, become very common in this Island ; the Almonds (4), which thrive perfectly well in this Soil ; and the *Indian* Figs (5), which are the principal Sustenance of whole Families in *September* : the prickly Shrub that bears them grows wild among the Rocks, and is often made use of as a Fence to their Gardens. To these may be added some Fruits of smaller Esteem, as the Jujubes (6), the true Services (7), *Neopolitan* Medlars (8), and the Berries of the Nettle-Tree (9).

In enumerating the Trees which adorn their Gardens, I must not omit the Cy-

- (1) Limon, *Llimons*.
- (2) Citreum, *Cidros*.
- (3) Aurantium, *Teronges*.
- (4) Amygdalus, *Merlas*.
- (5) Opuntia vulgo Herbariorum, *Figas Moriscas*.
- (6) Zisiphus, *Gingols*.
- (7) Sarbus legitima, *Serves*.
- (8) Mespilus folio Apii lacin. C. B. *Azarolas*.
- (9) Celtis, Lotus, *Lladons*.

press (1), Laurel (2), Poplar (3), *Egyptian* Thorn (4), Bead Tree (5), and a beautiful Species of Dog's-Bane (6). Neither can I forbear to mention the Fig-Tree (7), which not only produces large Quantities of excellent Fruit, (some Kinds of it, two Crops in a Year) but affords a convenient Shade under which the Peasants usually regale themselves. Nor must the Palm-Tree (8) be past over in Silence ; for altho' the Dates in this Country never come to Perfection, yet its inner Branches, when blanched, serve as Ornaments for their Processions on *Easter Sunday* ; and the others are used by the Children in *Passion Week*, for striking the Earth, which is superstitiously termed by the Inhabitants, beating of *Judas*. The Minds of the People are at that Time so inflamed by the Sermons of their Priests, that

- (1) Cupressus, *Cipré*.
- (2) Laurus, *Lloré*.
- (3) Populus, *Poll*.
- (4) Acacia, *Aroma*.
- (5) Azederach, *Suclemoro*.
- (6) Apocynum, *Sedé*.
- (7) Ficus, *Figuera*.
- (8) Palma, *Fascé*.

it is dangerous for the Jews to be seen abroad.

The Vegetables hitherto mentioned, are produced by Culture. I come next to speak of the indigenous, which grow spontaneously in the Island; and as there is a vast Variety of these, I shall not pretend to treat them so fully as the Subject deserves; (nor am I equal to the Task, Botany, tho' sometimes my Amusement, never having been my Study) all I shall aim at, is, briefly to point out the most remarkable amongst them.

In the first Place, may be mentioned such Plants, as serve the Natives for Salading and Pot-Herbs; viz. Succory (1), Prickly rock Asparagus (2), Alexanders (3), Buckshorn Plantain (4), Goat's-beard (5), Fennel (6), Hawkweed (7), Purflane (8),

(1) Cichorium, *Camarotjes*.

(2) Asparagus, *Corruda*, *Esparachs*.

(3) Smyrnium, *Cugulls*.

(4) Coronopus, *Cornicellis*.

(5) Scorzonera, *Tragopogon*, *Cuxa de Dona*.

(6) Fæniculum, *Fenoi*.

(7) Hieracium, *Cascunias*.

(8) Portulaca, *Verdulagas*.

Sow-thistle (1), Sorrel (2), Water-Cresses (3), Capers (4), and Samphire (5).

To the same Class belong Borrage (6), Blites (7), Beets (8), Orrache (9), Dandelion (10), and Spatling Poppy (11). The Luxury of the present Age, seldom or never, indeed, allows these a Place at the Table, but in Times of Scarcity they have served as common Food; particularly in the Year 1685, when a Swarm of Locusts had destroyed the Harvest.

Of medicinal Plants, there is such Variety, that barely to recount them, will (I am afraid) be tedious. Common Wormwood (12),

- (1) Sonchus, *Llecsons*.
- (2) Acetosa, *Vinagrellas*.
- (3) Syimbrium, *Crexechs*.
- (4) Capparis, *Táparas*.
- (5) Crithmus, *Fenoi mari*.
- (6) Borrago, *Borratjes*.
- (7) Blitum, *Blets*.
- (8) Beta, *Bledas*.
- (9) Attriplex.
- (10) Dens Leonis, *Caxal de veia*.
- (11) Lychnis species, five spumeum papaver, *Cou-lisse*.
- (12) Absynthium Vulgare, *Donzell*.

Sea-

Sea-Wormwood (1), Brank-Urfine (2), true Maiden-Hair (3), Agrimony (4), Winter Cherry (5), Chickweed (6), Male Pimpernel (7), Female Pimpernel (8), Common Rest Harrow (9), Yellow Rest Harrow (10), Snap Dragon (11), Goose Grass (12), Friar's Cowl (13), Cuckow-pint (14), Spleenwort (15), Rough Spleenwort (16), Brooklime (17), Black Briony (18), Bugloss (19), Oxe-Eye (20), Shepherd's Purse (21), Mary-

- (1) Absynth. Maritimum, *Donzell mari.*
- (2) Acanthus, *Carnera.*
- (3) Adiantum verum, *Falzia.*
- (4) Agrimonia.
- (5) Alkekengi, *Orval fi.*
- (6) Alfine, *Tina.*
- (7) Anagallis flore phæniceo.
- (8) Anagallis flore cæruleo.
- (9) Anonis Vulgaris, *Resta bovis.*
- (10) Anonis lutea viscosa, spinis carens, C. B. *Motxes.*
- (11) Antirrhinum, *Cullons de gat.*
- (12) Aparine, *Amor de Hortola, & Rabosa.*
- (13) Arisarum, *Frare Cugot.*
- (14) Arum, *Rapa.*
- (15) Asplenium, *Dauradella.*
- (16) Lonchitis.
- (17) Veronicæ species, five Becabunga,
- (18) Tamnus, Bryonia nigra.
- (19) Buglossum, *Llengua bovina.*
- (20) Bupthalmum, *Bulichs.*
- (21) Bursa Pastoris, *Bosa de Pastor.*

Gold (1), Small red Centaury (2), Small yellow Centaury (3), Germander (4), Ground-Pine (5), great Celandine (6), Hemlock (7), Male-Cistus (8), Female-Cistus (9), Golden flowered Samphire (10), Sow-Bread (11), Hound's-Tongue (12), Long rooted sweet Cyperus (13), Wild Carrots (14), Great Dragons (15), Viper's Bugloss (16), Dwarf-Elder (17), Golden Cassidony (18), Horse-Tail (19), Wild Rocket (20), Base wild

- (1) Calendula, *Lleva mal.*
- (2) Centaur. minus vulgar. *Centaure.*
- (3) Centaur min. flav.
- (4) Chamædrys, *Ufinetta.*
- (5) Chamæpitys, *Iva.*
- (6) Chelidonium majus, *Celedonia.*
- (7) Cicuta.
- (8) Cistus flore rubro, *Stapa.*
- (9) Cistus flore albo.
- (10) Asteris species, Crithmum chrysanthemum, *Salsons.*
- (11) Cyclamen, *Pa de Porc.*
- (12) Cynoglossum, *Llepafera.*
- (13) Cyperus longus.
- (14) Daucus Sylvester, *Bastenagues salvages.*
- (15) Dracunculus major, *Rapa mascle.*
- (16) Echium.
- (17) Ebulus, *Ebul.*
- (18) Elichrysum, *Mansinillas.*
- (19) Equisetum, *Coua de Cavall.*
- (20) Eruca, *Ruca.*

Rocket,

Rocket (1), Sea-Holly (2), Bank-Creffes (3), Giant Fennel (4), Fern (5), Fumitory (6), Dog's-Grafs (7), Greater Turnfol (8), Mules Fern (9), St. John's-Wort (10), Hypocistis (11), Glasf-Wort (12), Wild Cucumber (13), Sharp pointed Dock (14), Hart's-Tongue (15), Wood Sorrel (16), Mal-lows (17), White Hoar Hound (18), Stinking Hoar Hound (19), Base Hoar Hound (20),

- (1) Refeda.
- (2) Eryngium, *Card panical*.
- (3) Erysimum.
- (4) Ferula, *Cañya fellerà*.
- (5) Filix, *Falguera*.
- (6) Fumaria, *Fumisterra*.
- (7) Gramen caninum, *Gram*.
- (8) Heliotropium majus, *Girafol*.
- (9) Hemionitis.
- (10) Hypericum, *Transflorina*, *Herba de san Juan*.
- (11) Hypocistis, *Margalidettas*.
- (12) Kali, *Sofa*.
- (13) Cucumis afininus.
- (14) Lapathum acutum, *Paredellas*.
- (15) Lingua Cervina, *Llengua de Cero*.
- (16) Oxys, Lujula.
- (17) Malva, *Mauves*.
- (18) Marhubium Album, *Malrubins*.
- (19) Ballote, *Malrubins bords*.
- (20) Stachys.

Dog's-

Dog's-Mercury (1), Sciatica Cresses (2), Roman Fennel-Flower (3), Broom-Rape (4), Peony (5), Corn Poppy (6), Yellow flowered horn Poppy (7), Pellitory of the Wall (8), Thorough Wax (9), Periwinkle (10), Ivy (11), Honeyfuckle (12), Bind-Weed (13), Burnet (14), Common Plantain (15), Water Plantain (16), Knot-Grass (17), Polypody of the Oak (18), Flea-wort (19), Cinquefoil (20), Small Madder (21), Butcher's

- (1) Mercurialis, *Malcorages*.
- (2) Nasturtium sylvest. Iberis, *Murrifa bord*.
- (3) Nigella, *Niella*.
- (4) Orobanche,
- (5) Pæonia, *Pampelonia*.
- (6) Papaver. rubr. *Rosellas*.
- (7) Papaver corniculatum.
- (8) Parietaria, *Maia*.
- (9) Perfoliata.
- (10) Pervinca, *Proenga*.
- (11) Hædera, *Eura*.
- (12) Caprifolium, *Madrefelva*.
- (13) Convolvulus, *Corregiola*.
- (14) Pimpinella sanguis orb, *Pantinella*.
- (15) Plantago, *Plantage*.
- (16) Plantago Aquatica.
- (17) Polygonum, *Centnous*.
- (18) Polypodium, *Polipodi*.
- (19) Pſyllium, *Herba pucera*.
- (20) Quinque folium, *Pau de Christ*.
- (21) Rubia Minor.

Broom,

Broom (1), Willow-wort (2), Round leaved Water Pimpernel (3), Scabious (4), Shepherd's Needle (5), Sea Onion (6), Figwort (7), Greater House Leek (8), Smaller House Leek (9), Water Parsnip (10), Nightshade (11), Loufe-wort (12), Thorn Apple (13), White Mullein (14), Vervain (15), Swallow-wort (16), Navel-Wort (17), Common Nettles (18), and Roman Nettles (19).

To these we may add such others, as have been transplanted formerly from foreign

- (1) *Ruscus, Brusç.*
- (2) *Salicaria.*
- (3) *Samolus.*
- (4) *Scabiosa, Scabiosa.*
- (5) *Scandix, peçten Vener.*
- (6) *Scilla, ornithogall. Ceba marina.*
- (7) *Scrophularia, Herba pudent.*
- (8) *Sedum majus, Consolva.*
- (9) *Sedum minus.*
- (10) *Sium, Apits de Sichia.*
- (11) *Solanum, Morella.*
- (12) *Delphinium, Staphisagria, Mata poi.*
- (13) *Stramonium, Orval.*
- (14) *Verbascum, Trapo.*
- (15) *Verbena, Herba Verbena.*
- (16) *Asclepias.*
- (17) *Cotyledon, Umbilic. Vener. Cocas de Parets.*
- (18) *Urtica. Vulg. Ortigas.*
- (19) *Urtica Romana.*

Countries,

Countries, but are now so far naturalized here, as to grow wild in several Places; such as the *American* Night-shade (1), the *Mexican* Jasmine (2), the Passion Flower (3), the great Spurge (4), and the Aloes: Which last seems to have been industriously cultivated near the Farm Houses, as a Remedy for the Accidents to which Country Labourers are much exposed; it having been formerly in great Esteem (as we learn from DIOSCORIDES *) for healing recent Wounds.

Beside these, there is a Number of Aromatick Plants, which thrive luxuriantly in this Soil, and by imbalmg the Air with fragrant Exhalations, contribute to preserve as well as restore the Health of the Inhabitants: The

(1) *Phytolacca, Rems de moro.*

(2) *Jallappa flore purpureo, Juan de Notxe & Pedro de Notxe.*

(3) *Granadilla, Passionera.*

(4) *Ricinus, Cagamutxe.*

(5) *Aloes, Azibare.*

* Lib. ii. cap. 23. Aloe nascitur in Arabia, Asia, et aliis locis Maritimis, inutilis quidem succo extrahendo, sed conveniens recentibus vulneribus, si contusa Emplastri formâ, adplicetur.

principal of these are Lavender Cotton(1), Starwort(2), Mountain-Mint(3), Horfe-Mint(4), Penny-royal(5), Flea-bane of various Kinds(6), Clary(7), Poley-Mountain(8), Syrian Herb Mastick(9), Rue(10), *French* Lavender(11), Water-Germander(12), St. *Peter's* Wort(13), and strong smelling Clover(14).

The Garlick makes so considerable a Part, both of their Food and Physick, that it deserves to be more particularly mentioned. Several Kinds of it grow here in such Plenty, that the Milk of the Cattle, and even the

(1) Santolina, Abrot. fæm. *Camomela*.

(2) *Asteriscus foliis ad florem mollibus. An Asterisc. annuus aquat. patul. Tourn?*

(2) Calamintha.

(3) Mentha, Mentastrum, *Mendastra*.

(5) Mentha, Pulegium, *Puriol*.

(6) *Asteris species, Conyzæ, Olivarda*.

(7) Sclarea, Horminum, *Tarach*.

(8) *Polium montanum, Polio*.

(9) *Chamædrys maritima, incana frutesc. fol. lanceol. Frigola*.

(10) Ruta, *Ruda*.

(11) *Stæchas, Tuman*.

(12) *Chamædrys pallust. Scordium, Scordi*.

(13) *Ascyrum exiguo folio, flore magno, Stepara grega*.

(14) Trifol. bituminosum.

Meat

Meat itself, frequently participate of its Taste. The only Sort which the Natives use, is a *Scorodo-Prasum*, (1) milder than the Garden Garlick, and sweeter than the Leek. What is commonly eaten by the Soldiers and Sailors, is another more acrid Species, with a triangular Stalk (2).

Of the Thistle Tribe, the following deserve our Notice: The milky (3), and golden Thistle (4), are both Esculent; the Flowers of the prickly wild Archoak (5) serve, instead of Rennet, to curdle Milk; in *May*, the Bees feed chiefly on the white flowered Star Thistle (6), which affords the finest Honey; and the broad yellow flowered Fish Thistle (7) yields a coarser Sort, about a Month later.

(1) *Allium Capite sphaerico, folio latiore, Porradalls.*

(2) *Allium caule triangulo.*

(3) *An Carduus lact. peregrin. maj. Sem. fusco? Card Gallofe.*

(4) *Scolymus chrysanthem. ann. Caderlinas.*

(5) *Cynara Sylvestris*

(6) *Carduus stellat. five Calcitrapa, flore Albo, Card Blanc.*

(7) *Carlina. Arcarna flore luteo patulo, Card Segrelle.*

The Bounds to which I propose to confine myself, will not permit me to enumerate the different Spurges (1), whereof the Arborefcent are the most beautiful; nor the Orchis's, among which those that resemble the Bee (2) and Butterfly (3), have the Preference; much less will they allow me to describe the various Species of Linarias (4), Sea Lavender (5), Rattle Grass (6), and the vast Profusion of Ranunculus's (7), and Geraniums (8), which enamel the Meadows: Yet, I cannot omit a few Plants, with bulbous Roots, and liliaceous Flowers, which are a peculiar Ornament to the Fields: *viz.* A white Star of *Bethlem* (9), a blue Muscari (10), a Flesh coloured Corn Flag (11),

(1) Tithymalus, *Lletrera*, *Baladre*.

(2) Orchis fucum referens.

(3) Orchis Papilionem referens.

(4) Linaria, one kind is called *Gall fave*.

(5) Limonium.

(6) Pedicularis.

(7) Ranunculus.

(8) Geranium.

(9) Ornithogalli species, an *Lilium Alexandrinum*?
Liri Bord.

(10) Muscari, *Aiasas*.

(11) Gladiolus, *Coltells*.

Ver-

Vernal Daffodill (1) with a yellow Cup, an Autumnal Daffodill with a large white Flower (2), Snow-Drop (3), Saffron (4), Meadow Saffron (5), *Spanish* Nut (6), and two Species of Asphodell (7); both of which are luxuriant in the richest Soils, and from their Flowers, the Bees extract a considerable Share of the finest Honey.

Besides, in all the uncultivated Parts of the Island, thick, evergreen Bushes, of Mastick (8), Mock-Privet (9), and dwarf Olive (10), sprout up in such Abundance, that the broken Surface of the Ground is at all Seasons covered with an agreeable Verdure.

- (1) *Narcissus medio luteus.*
- (2) *Narcissus Maritimus* C. B. *Azucena.*
- (3) *Narcisso-leucoium, Aiasas.*
- (4) *Crocus, Safrá.*
- (5) *Colchicum.*
- (6) *Sisyrinchium.*
- (7) 1. *Asphodelus albus non ramos.* C. B. 2. *Asphodelus minor foliis fistulosis,* 1. *Porraces, Albuons.* 2. *Cebollas.*
- (8) *Lentiscus, Mata.*
- (9) *Phillyrea, Ledern.*
- (10) *Oleastellus, Ulastre.*

Intermixed with these, is, an immense Quantity of Myrtle (1), sweet Gum Cistus (2), and Rosemary (3); which jointly perfume the Air with an exquisite Fragrance; and from the Flowers of the last, a delicious Kind of Honey is collected early in the Spring.

There is also a great deal of the Straw-berry Shrub (4), Heath of various Kinds (5), and a long coarse Grass (6), on which the Goats, and black Cattle feed, when they are deprived of better Sustenance, by the Severity of the Winter.

Shrub-Trefoil (7), Stinking Bean-Trefoil (8), Sea-Grape (9), Shrub-Mullein (10),

(1) Myrtus, *Murta*.

(2) Cistus labdanifera, *Stepara*, *stepa*.

(3) Rosmarinus, *Romani*.

(4) Arbutus Comarus Theoph. *Arbosē*.

(5) Erica, *Bruc mascle*, *Bruc femelle* & *sipel*.

(6) Graminis Species, *Carex*.

(7) Dorycenium Monspelienis.

(8) Anagyris foetida, *Garrové bord*.

(9) Ephedra Anabasis Bellon. *Trompera*.

(10) Phlomis fruticosa.

Sloe-Tree (1), Dwarf-Palm (2), Widow-wail (3), and another Kind of Spurge-Olive (4), beside that which affords the *Grana Cnidia* (5), likewise grow in several Places: But Brambles (6), Wild Roses (7), and some other thorny Bushes (8), are every where so common, that it is requisite for those who would pass through the Thickets, to dress like the Peasants, in short Jackets and leathern Sparterdashies.

Hitherto I have treated of the lower Vegetables: I proceed next to the Trees. And here, I must again mention the Myrtle, Mock Privet, Lentiscus, and Arbutus, as they often rise to the Height of Trees; and mixing with Pines (9), Wild Olives (10), and

(1) *Prunus Sylvestris*, *Pruñoné*, *Arrinoné*.

(2) *Palma humilis folio flabelliformi*, *Garbaions*.

(3) *Chamelæa tricoccus*.

(4) *Thymelæa lanuginosa foliis sedi minor*. C. B. P. *Pala marina*.

(5) *Thymelæa fol. Lini*, *Matapoll*.

(6) *Rubus*, *Romaguera*.

(7) *Rosa Sylvestris*, *Gaverera*.

(8) 1. *Genistæ spinosæ* Species. 2. *Vel Hierac. vel Dent. Leon. species*, 1. *Argelaguera*, 2. *Saccorell*.

(9) *Pinus*, *Pi*.

(10) *Olea*, *Ulla*.

great Holm-Oakes (1), which never lose their Verdure, supply the Cattle with Shelter during the excessive hot or cold Weather; and with Leaves to feed on, when the Summer's Sun, or the Blasts of the Winter, have destroyed the Grass of their Pastures.

But it is not the Cattle alone, which have been furnished with Food, from these Woods and Thickets; for in Times of Famine, the Inhabitants of this Island, have been obliged to have Recourse to Acorns, wild Dates (2), the Berries of the Myrtle, the Bramble, the Arbutus, and the like; which, if we may believe the Poets *, was the Nourishment of the primitive Race of Mankind.

From the Qualities of the Soil, and the Abundance of uncultivated Fruit it produces, one might justly expect, according to VIR-

(1) Ilex, *Ufinas*.

(2) This is the Fruit of the *Palma humilis folio flabelli formi*.

* LUCRET. lib. v. VIRGIL's *Georg.* lib. ii. OVID's *Metam.* lib. i.

GIL's Remark *, that the Olive would thrive well in this Island; yet the Natives take so little Care to propagate it, that they are obliged to import almost all their Oil from *France, Spain, and Majorca*; and as they purchase it with ready Money, it is a considerable Detriment to the Country. I know it is commonly alledged that they cannot have Olives of their own Growth in Plenty and Perfection, because there are but few Hills high enough to protect them from the cold northerly Winds: But I have been well assured by several very good Judges in such Matters, that there are many Places, particularly in the *Termino of Ferarias*, where this tender Fruit might be sufficiently sheltered; and that the Want of this most useful Commodity, is rather to be ascribed to the Inattention and Neglect of the People, than to any other Cause. I have likewise been as-

* Difficiles primum terræ, collesque maligni
Tenuis ubi Argilla, et dumosis calculus Arvis,
Palladiâ gaudent sylva vivacis Olivæ,
Indicio est, tractu surgens Oleaster eodem
Plurimus, et strati baccis sylvestribus Agri.

fured, that a *Spanish* Governor of this Island, made use of his Authority in obliging the Inhabitants to cultivate the Olive ; and that his Endeavours would have had the desired Effect, had they been duely seconded in succeeding Times. Wherefore it were to be wished that some of his *British* Successors would follow so laudable an Example ; for without their Assistance, is is to be feared, that a People so tenacious of the Customs of their Ancestors will scarcely come into a new Project, however advantageous it might prove to Posterity.

From the Berries of the Mastick they extract an Oil (as DIODORUS SICULUS tells us they did in his Time) which is commonly used for Lamps ; and sometimes by poor People for frying Fish ; in which Case they previously correct its Astringency by dipping in it a Piece of soft Bread. The Leaves of the Myrtle are very serviceable in tanning their Leather, and in dying their Cloaths black, which is a favourite Colour among the *Spaniards* ; and its tough flexible Boughs

being properly twisted, make the best and most durable Rope; for the *Persian Wheel* abovementioned.

The Berry-bearing Savine (1) grows to a considerable Height in several Places near the Sea Coast; and the marshy Valleys afford plenty of Oziers (2), and Tamarisk (3), of which the Islanders make Hoops for their Casks. The Carob-Tree (4), The Hawthorn (5), and Evergreen Privet (6), are likewise to be met with in the Woods; as also a few Specimens of the Agnus Castus (7) *.

And now having taken a View of the Vegetable Kingdom, it would be no difficult Task for me to show, that the indigenous Plants are well adapted to the Nature of the

(1) *Sabina folio Cupressi*, C. B. *Savina*.

(2) *Salix viminea*, *Vime*.

(3) *Tamariscus*, *Tamarell*.

(4) *Ceratia*, *Garrove*.

(5) *Mespilus apii fol. sylv. spin.* *Spinal*.

(6) *Alaternus*, *Llampugal*.

(7) *Vitex*, *Alloch*.

* The Reader may be pleased to take Notice, that the *Latin* Names are those by which they are described by *Tournefort*; the others in *Italicks*, are those by which the Natives distinguish them.

Climate,

Climate, and wisely calculated for preserving or restoring the Health of the Inhabitants: But as it would be tedious to descend too far into Particulars, I shall only observe, that even the Shape and Figure of the Trees seem to be somewhat more than merely the effect of Chance; none of them grow tall or lofty; they never lose their Leaves; and the greatest Part of them have their trunks so bent by the North Wind, that their Tops, which are broad and bushy, stretch out almost horizontally towards the South, and furnish a commodious Shelter to Man and Beast, against all Inclemency of the Weather. What still makes them fitter for this Purpose is the numerous Climbers that are commonly joined with them; particularly, the Traveller's Joy (1), and prickly Bind-weed (2), which are often so interwoven with the wide-spreading Branches of the the Lentisc and wild Olive, as to render the Retreat which they afford almost impenetrable by Rain or Sun. Had not Nature provided such a necessary

(1) Clematis, *Vid Auba.*

(2) Smilax Aspera, *Arritges.*

Cover, few or no Animals could live on these Rocks in the tedious scorching Summers; nor could they well endure the heavy Rains and chilling Blasts to which the Climate is liable.

From what has been said, it sufficiently appears, that these evergreen Woods and Thickets, which Nature has surprizingly raised upon a Rock, are not only a great Ornament to this Island, but of infinite Advantage to the Inhabitants; they furnish them with Fuel, and their Cattle with Food and Shelter; and as the finer Soil is washed away by the anniversary Rains, their Fields would soon become barren, were they not constantly supplied with fresh Manure from the Leaves of the Vegetables, intermixed with the Dung of the Animals which feed in the Woods. The Natives, therefore, are much to be blamed in felling so many of their Trees, and stubbing up the Roots so rashly, as they have done of late Years, for immediate Profit, since the Damage will soon be sensibly

sensibly felt, and not easily retrieved, by their Posterity.

The mineral Kingdom affords less Variety here than any other Part of Nature's Works. The Soil is of two Kinds; whereof one is light, blackish, and very fruitful; the other, called *Terra Agra* by the Natives, is a heavy, barren, red-coloured Earth. There is a Potter's Clay, of which they make Tiles, Bricks, and a coarse Kind of earthen Ware. Lime-Stone and Plaister of Paris are found here in great Abundance, and supply the Inhabitants with different Sorts of Cement for their Buildings. The Stone commonly used in building is a white soft Grit, which is easily cut into any Form, and quickly cemented by means of the Plaister of Paris; so that they raise the Walls, and turn Arches, with great Expedition: But in many Places of the Island, especially towards the North-East Side, the only Stone to be met with, is found in Shivers like Slate. In Caves not far from *Ciudadella* are an infinite Number of beautiful *Stalactites*, some of which are hard enough
to

to admit of a Polish. There are some Fossil Shells; but no Kind of Metal, as far as I know, occurs in *Minorca*; though there is a good deal of metallic Ore in a small Island adjoining to it*.

With respect to the Animals, I shall only mention such as are used for Food by the Inhabitants; beginning with the Fish, of which there is both Plenty and Variety. Some of them are to be caught at all Times either in the Bays or Harbours, or in the deeper Water at Sea; whilst others come regularly in Shoals at certain Seasons of the Year: But as many of them are unknown in *Britain*, or at least have no Name in our Language, I must refer the Reader to the Bottom of the Page, where he will

* *Columba* Island.

Pisces littorales, *Peix litoral.*

* (1) Polypi prima species Rondeletii, *Pop Juen.*

(2) Polypi secunda species Rond. *Pop ver.*

* (3) Loligo magna Rond. *Eluja.*

(4) Loligo parva Rond. *Calemar.*

(5) Sepia Rond. *Sipia.*

(6) Urtica, *Ortiga.*

(7) Anguilla Salv. *Anguila.*

(8) Conger Rond. *Congre.*

(9) Ma-

will find inserted the Names given them in *Minorca*, and those bestowed on them by the best Authors who have treated on Fishes.

The

Pisces littorales, *Peix litoral.*

(9) *Muræna omnium Autorum, Morena mascle, y femelle.*

(10) *Salpa Rond. Saupa.*

(11) *Sargus Rond. Sarch.*

(12) *Morruda.*

(13) *Scaras Onias Rond. Variada.*

(14) *Sparus Rond. Esperai.*

(15) *Aurata Rond. Orada.*

(16) *Melanurus Rond. Oblado.*

(17) *Mormyrus Rond. Mabre.*

(18) *Erythrinus Rond. Rubellio Aldr. Pagell.*

(19) *Pagrus Rond. Pagre.*

(20) *Dentex five Synodon Aldr. Dental.*

(21) *Coracinus Rond. Curbai.*

(22) *Buglossus, feu solea Rond. Llenguada.*

(23) *Passer Bellonii, Pedas.*

(24) *Cantharus, Cantara.*

(25) *Lupus Rond. Llop.*

(26) *An Acarnan Rond? Befuc.*

(27) *Scorpius major Rond. Gesn. Cap rotx, Rotje.*

(28) *Scorpius minor five Scorpæna Rond. Gesn. Rasclé, Scorpera.*

(29) *An Anthiæ secunda species Rond.? an Phycis Rond? Mollera, Molle.*

(30) *Mullus Barbatus Rond. Moll.*

(31) *Channa Rond. Serra.*

(32) *Merula Salv. & Rond. Mero, Enfos.*

(33) *Turdus varia specie, Tort musot, flavafado, Bopos, pintado, Grivia.*

(34) *An Cestreus Rond. Llisa.*

(35) An

The Island abounds with Cattle, Sheep,
and Goats, which furnish the Inhabitants
with

Pisces littorales, *Peix literal.*

(35) An mugil Cephal. Rond. *Cap pla.*

(36) Julis Rond. *Donzella.*

Pisces testacei & crustacei, *Peix de Clofca.*

(1) Astacus Rond. *Grumant.*

(2) Locusta Rond. five Carabus, *Llangofa.*

(3) Squilla lata Rond. *Sigala.*

(4) Pagurus, *Cabre.*

(5) Cancr. varii, *Cranchs peluts, reals, Jueus.*

(6) Squilla parva, *Gambe.*

(7) Echinus varia specie, *Voga mari.*

*(8) Pinna magna, *Nacre.*

(9) Pholas, *Datil.*

(10) Testudo marina, *Tortuga.*

(11) Musculus, *Muscle.*

(12) Tellinæ, *Cluifas.*

(13) Ostreum, *Oftia.*

(14) Lepas, Patella, *Pagellida.*

(15) Pecten, *Cupina gravada.*

(16) Cancellus, *Hermitan.*

(17) Cochlea varia specie, *Cornes, & Caragols.*

(18) Murex, *Corns de fell.*

(19) *Pau de Cabrit.*

Pisces Pelagii, *Peix de alt al mar.*

* (1) Phocæna Rond. *Delfi.*

* (2) Centrine Rond. *Peix pore.*

(3) Squatina Rond. *Efcats, Efcats vexigal.*

* (4) Zygæna Rond. *Llunada.*

(5) Catulus maximus forte Canicula faxatilis Rond.
Gats.

(6) Catul.

with Cheese and Wool, both for their own Use, and for Exportation. As Lard or Oil is

Pisces Pelagii, *Peix de alt al mar.*

(6) Catulus major vulg. Canicula Arist. Rond. Aldr. *Gatons, Pintarotge.*

(7) Mustelus lævis primus Salv. *Musola.*

(8) Galeus Acanthias, Spinax Aldr. *Casç.*

(9) Xiphias Piscis, *Peix de Espasa.*

(10) Pastinaca Aspera Bellon. *Romaguera.*

(11) Pastinaca mar. læv. Bellon. *Ferrasa.*

(12) Aquila Bell. & Salv. *Mila.*

(13) Rana Piscatrix, *Buldroy.*

* (14) Torpedo, *Tremulo.*

(15) Raia varia specie, *Ratjada, Caputxi, Clavell, Clavell borrell, Cardayre.*

(16) Faber five Gallus mar. Rond. *Gall, Peix de san Pedro.*

(17) Milvus Salv. Hirundo Rond. *Xurigué.*

(18) Mugil alat. Rond. Hirundo Plin. *Uranola.*

(19) Cuculus Aldr. *Gallina, Gallinetta.*

(20) Lyra prior Rond. *Grenau, Peix de san Rafael.*

(21) Mullus imberbis Rond. potius Cuculi species, *Calbot de la mar.*

(22) Gurnardus griseus, *Uriola, Baluerna.*

(23) Draco five Araneus Plinii, *Arāna.*

(24) An Ophidion Rond? an Acus lumbriciformis Willough.? *Drago, Saltan cōno.*

(25) Uranoscopus, Callyonimus, *Rata.*

(26) An Perca marina Rond? *Serran imperial.*

(27) An Stromateus Rond? *Llampuga.*

(28) Pompilus, *Pampul.*

Pisces gregales autumnales.

(1) Acus vulgaris oppian. *Aguia.*

(2) Sardinia Rond. *Sardina.*

(3) Thrissa Rond. *Alatx.*

Pisces

is commonly used in dressing their Victuals; they make but little Butter; and this by a very singular Process: They boil the Whey, which is pressed from the Curd in making Cheese, and skim off the Part which rises to the Top; when they have collected a proper Quantity of this, they work it a considerable Time with their bare Feet or Arms, which is the only Method of churning they are acquainted with; then by the Addition of cold Water, the Butter which floats upon the Surface is separated; and after being washed,

Pisces gregales hyemales.

- (1) Pelamys Bellon. Amia Rond. Bonitol.

Pisces gregales vernaes.

- (1) An Thynni species? *Sirvia*, *Sirviola*.
(2) *Sphyræna*, five Sudis Aldr. *Espet*.

Pisces gregales Æstivi.

- (1) Scomber, *Veirat*, *Cavallar*.
(2) *Trachurus* Ald. *Saurell*.
(3) *Mænæ duplex* species, *Mora*, & *Xucla*.
(4) *Smaris*, *Gerretts*.
(5) Boops Rond. *primus*, *Voga*.
(6) *Encrasicholus* Aldr. *Anxove*, *Aledroc*.

N. B. In the above Catalogue of Fish, it is to be observed that *Willoughby's* Names are commonly made use of; and such as are marked with an Asterisk are seldom or never brought to Table.

is boiled, till the watry Particles are evaporated ; by this Proceſs it acquires, when cold, the Taſte and Conſiſtency of a thick, ſweet, Oil.

Beef and Mutton, though commonly lean, are eatable throughout the Year : But in the Spring while the Graſs is tender, the latter is in its greateſt Perfection ; and the former in Summer, when the Cattle feed on the Stubble and Leaves of the Evergreens.

The Goats are fatteſt in Autumn, and are ſlaughtered from *September* to *January* chiefly for the Uſe of the common People.

But of all the Kinds of Meat none is here in ſo great Plenty and Perfection as Pork ; nor is any other ſo much eſteemed by the Natives. It is in Season from *September* to *Lent* ; Bacon is to be had at all Times ; and being fryed or broiled, is commonly eat with Bread for Breakfast ; they enrich their Broth with Hog's Lard ; and from the ſame Animal they make a great Variety of Puddings ;
parti-

particularly Sausages * scarce inferior to those from *Bologna*.

They have likewise Plenty of Rabbits; as also Hedge-Hogs, and Land Turtles which are sometimes eat by the poor.

Their domestick Fowls are Turkeys (1), Geese (2), Ducks (4), Cocks and Hens (3), in great Numbers.

In the Woods and Fields, (besides various Kinds of Owls and Birds of Prey, which I pass over, as they never make a part of Diet) we have Ring Doves (5), Red Legg'd Partridges (6), Stone Curlews (7), Quails (8), Blackbirds (9), Solitary Sparrows (10), Night-

* Sobreassados.

- (1) Gallo pavo five meleagris, *Galls de India*.
- (2) Anser domesticus, *Ojas*.
- (3) Anas domestica, *Anades*.
- (4) Gallus gallinac. & Gallina, *Galls & Gallinas*.
- (5) Palumbus torquatus Aldr. *Tudons*.
- (6) Perdix ruffa, *Perdius*.
- (7) Oedienemus Bellon. Charadrius Gesner. *Sabellins*.
- (8) Coturnix. *Gualleras*.
- (9) Merula vulgaris, *Torts*.
- (10) Passer solitarius, *Melleres*.

ingales,

ingales (1), Gold-finches (2), and an infinite Number of other small Birds.

Wild Ducks of different Kinds (3), Wigeon (4), Teal (5), Coots (6), and several Sorts of Water Hens (7), are common about the Ponds and Marshes: Kings-Fishers (8) are frequent about the Shore; and Flocks of Rock-Pigeons (9) breed in the Caves and Hollows, formed by the dashing of the Waves round the Coasts.

Besides all these, Swifts (10), Swallows (11), Sand Martins (12), Turtles (13), Bee-

(1) *Luscinia* seu *Philomela*, *Roffinols*.

(2) *Carduelis*, *Caderneras*.

(3) *Anas* fera, varia specie, *Anades rosas*, *de coll blau*, *fayardes*, *foteras*.

(4) *Penelope*.

(5) *Querquedula*, *Anadons*.

(6) *Fulica*, *Fotges*.

(7) *Gallinula* varia specie, *Pollo's de Riu*, *Gallets de Riu*, *Titetas*.

(8) *Ispida*, an *Veterum Alcyon*?

(9) *Columba rupicola*, *Coloms*.

(10) *Hirundo Apus*, *Vinjolas*.

(11) *Hirundo domestica*, *Uranellas*.

(12) *Hirundo riparia*, *Culs blancs*.

(13) *Turtur*, *Tortora*.

Eaters (1), Hoopo's (2), and Sky-Larks (16), arrive here in the Spring, and, after bringing forth their Young, leave the Island in Autumn.

Wood-cocks (4), Snipes (5), a small Sort of Pigeon (6), Green and gray Plovers (7), Red-wings (8), Fieldfares (9), Oxe-Eyes (10), Chaffinches (11), Starlings (12), Foreign Quails (13), and Daker-Hens (14), make their Appearance about the End of October, and remain during the Winter. Cranes (15), Wild Geese (16), and Curlews (17), some-

- (1) Merops five Apiafter, *Abeyrols*.
- (2) Upupa Aldrov. *Puputs*.
- (3) Alauda, *Turrolas*.
- (4) Scolopax, *Segues*.
- (5) Gallinago minor Aldr. *Begafines*.
- (6) An Columba livia Gesner. ? *Xexels*.
- (7) Pluvialis viridis & cinericea, *Xilots & juyes*.
- (8) Turdus iliacus, *Torts borrell*.
- (9) Turdus pilaris.
- (10) Fringillago, *Ulls de bou*.
- (11) Fringilla, *Pinsans*.
- (12) Sturnus, *Estornells*.
- (13) Coturnix, *Gualleras babarescas*.
- (14) Ortygometra, an Rallus terrestris ?
- (15) Grus, *Gruas*.
- (16) Anser ferus, *Ojas salvages*.
- (17) Numenius five Arquata.

times

times stop here, as if it were to recruit themselves for a further Flight ; and now and then we meet with a Flamenco (1).

It is observed, that the Flesh of such Fowls as feed on Land, frequently tastes of Mastick or Garlick ; and the Water Fowl are best in bad Weather, when the Storms prevent their going to Sea, and living upon Fish.

But as several of the Animals abovementioned, are only to be met with at the Tables of the Opulent, the plentiful Provision of Snails (2), with which Nature has furnished this Island, are of infinite Service for the Maintenance of the poorer Families, who eat them boiled, after having been kept within Doors long enough to lose their earthy Taste. In dry Weather, when they are in their Prime, they lurk in the Chinks of the Earth and Crannies of the Rocks, and commonly stick together in large Clusters like Grapes ;

(1) *Phænicopterus*, *Flamencos*.

(2) *Caragols*, *Bovas*, *Mongetas*, *Caragolins*.

which probably induced the *Romans* to give them the Name of *Cochleæ Cavaticæ*: But in wet moist Weather, they leave these Places of Retirement in quest of Food, and are frequently to be met with on the Stalks of the *Asphodells*, the Shoots of the Vines, and other Vegetables; for, what *PLINY* * says of their never coming out of their Caves, or feeding on Greens, is intirely fabulous.

Having given these short Hints relating to the natural History of *Minorca*, I shall now describe the Temper and Manners of the People, so far as may be necessary to introduce an Account of their Diseases.

The Natives of this Island, are commonly thin, lean, and well built, strong and active, of a middle Stature, and an Olive Complexion. Their Hair, for the most part, is black and curled; in many Chestnut coloured; in some red. In a Word, the young People are either of a sanguine or cholerick Constitution; while those of more advanced Years, be-

* Lib. viii. Cap. xxxix.

come dry, meagre, and, what the Ancients called atrabilious. Such is the natural Impetuosity of their Temper, that the slightest Cause provokes them to Anger; and they are equally incapable of forgiving and forgetting an Injury. Hence it is, that Quarrels about the meereſt Trifles daily break out even among Neighbours and Relations; and Family Diſputes are hereditarily tranſmitted from Father to Son. Thus altho' Lawyers and Pettifoggers are very numerous in this Country, yet there is ſtill too few for the Clients.

They don't commonly live to ſo great an Age as the Inhabitants of more Northerly Countries; though, perhaps, they are equal in this Reſpect with their neareſt Neighbours on the Continent. Girls ſoon arrive at Maturity, and ſoon grow old. The *Menſes* for the moſt part, appear before Fourteen, and frequently at eleven Years of Age; in ſome they return twice a Month; in others every three Weeks, and continue from three to ſeven Days. Both Sexes, are by Conſtitution, extremely amorous; They

are often betrothed to each other, while Children, and marry at Fourteen. The Women have easy Labours, and commonly return in a few Days to their usual domestick Business. But lest the Family should become too numerous for their Income, it is a Practice among the poorer Sort, to keep their Children at the Breast for two or three Years, that by this Means, the Mothers may be hindered from breeding.

Bread of the finest Wheat Flower, well fermented and well baked, is, more than half the Diet of People of all Ranks. Rice, Pulse, Cuscaflowe, Vermicelli, Herbs and Roots from the Fields and Gardens, Summer Fruits, pickled Olives, and Pods of the *Guinea* Pepper, make up almost the other Half; so that scarce a Fifth of their whole Food is furnished from the Animal Kingdom; and of this, Fish makes by much the most considerable Portion. On *Fridays*, and other Fast-Days, they abstain entirely from Flesh; and during Lent, they live altogether on Vegetables and Fish, excepting *Sundays*,

days, when they are permitted the Use of Eggs, Cheefe, and Milk. The most of their Dishes are high seasoned with Pepper, Cloves, Cinnamon, and other Spices; many of them are tinged with Saffron, many sweetned with Honey or Sugar; and Garlick, Onions, or Leeks, are almost constant Ingredients. They eat a great deal of Oil, and that none of the sweetest or best flavoured; using it not only with Sallads, but also with boiled and fryed Fish, Greens, Pulse, &c. instead of Butter. A Slice of Bread with a little Oil and Salt, is the common Breakfast of the Peasants, well known by the Name of *Oleagua*. Their ordinary Meals are very frugal, and consist of little Variety: But on Festivals, and other solemn Occasions, their Entertainments are to the last Degree profuse and extravagant. The Bill of Fare of a Country Farmer's Wedding Dinner, would scarce be credited. This Custom, with many others, they seem to have borrowed from the Eastern Nations.

People of all Conditions use Wine at their Meals; and though Drinking to Excess is not

common, yet the Vulgar are not exempted from private Debauches, Drams of Anise-feed Water being too much in Vogue. In Summer, the excessive Heat obliges them to have frequent Recourse to large Draughts of cold Water, the greatest Part of which is but very indifferent; for the Cisterns are seldom clean, and the Water which the Springs and Rivulets afford, is often brackish, and always hard; so that it is neither proper for Washing, nor for boiling Pulse, and leaves a stony Crust on the Sides the of Tea-Kettles, and other Vessels in which it has been frequently boiled.

Though the Natives make three or four plentiful Meals a Day, they are generally costive; and many in perfect Health, have no Occasion to ease themselves oftener than twice a Week.

They are so much addicted to the Use of Tobacco, as never to be without a Pipe, either in their Mouths or their Pockets. In Summer almost every one sleeps an Hour or
two

two after Dinner, and some follow this Practice throughout the Year.

A Fourth of their Time is made up of Holidays, on which, tho' Work is prohibited, Sports and Pastimes are allowed. A considerable Part of those Days is spent in the Churches or in Processions: At Night the more Sedate divert themselves in their Houses with Musick and Cards; whilst the young Men serenade their Mistresses, in the Streets, with the jarring Musick of their Guittars, and extemporary Love Songs of their own composing.

In the Interval between the Harvest and the Vintage there are a Number of publick Diversions in different Places of the Island. Whether because the People have then most Leisure, or are in Reality more chearful, from the Serenity of the Weather, as one of their Proverbs * seems to hint, I shall not determine. To their Horse and Foot

* *En lo Estiu tout Hom Vivu.* In Summer every Body is alive.

Races *, notwithstanding the immoderate Heat of the Season, Men, Women, and Children, flock from all Quarters, and expose themselves to the Sun in the middle of Day, dancing in the open Air on the scorching Rocks, ratling their Castanets in Concert with the Musick of the Guittar. Nor does their Mirth finish with the Day ; as soon as it grows dark, some Pieces of Pine Tree are lighted as a Torch in the middle of the Street, where the Croud assembles and continues dancing till Morning.

Every Year about Midsummer they have likewise a Diversion in *Mahon* Harbour †, which may properly be called a Boat-Race ; and one cannot observe the Eagerness of the Boat-Men, and the Sollicitude of their Friends on Shore, without calling to Mind VIRGIL's

* On St. JOHN's Day, *June* the 24th, and the *Sunday* following. On St. PETER's Day, *June* 29. On St. JAMES's Day, *July* 25. On St. LAURENCE's Day, *August* 10. On St. BARTHOLOMEW's Day, *August* 24, and the 29th of the same Month. On St. GRACIA's Day, *September* 8.

† *Viz.* on St. PETER's Day, *June* 29.

Description of a similar Contest on the Anniversary of *Anchises's* Funeral *.

In the Carnival too, this People, however grave and serious at other Times, freely indulge themselves in all manner of ludicrous Sports and Amusements; especially during the last Week of it, when their Revelling and extravagant Mirth resembles more the ancient *Bachanalia*, than the Diversions of any modern civilized Nation: For Night and Day, the Streets are filled with People in Masks, and dressed in the most ridiculous

* Viridem Æneas frondenti ex Illice metam
Constituit signum nautis, pater; unde reverti
Scirent, et longos ubi circumflectere cursus.
Confidunt transtris intentaque brachia remis
Intenti expectant; exsultantiaque haurit
Corda pavor pulsans laudumque arrecta cupido
Inde ubi clara dedit sonitum tuba, finibus omnes,
Haud mora, profiluere suis, ferit Æthera clamor
Nauticus, adductis spumant freta versa lacertis
Infundunt pariter fulcos, totumque dehiscit
Convulsum remis, rostrisque stridentibus æquor,
Tum plausu, sonituque virum, strepituque frementum
Consonat omne nemus, vocemque inclusa volutant
Littora, pulsati colles clamore resultant. *Æn. v.*

Habits ;

Habits ; while the jarring Sound of Castanets, Pipes and Tabors, Violins, Guittars, and their more discordant vocal Musick, heightened with Screaming, Shouting, and every wild Demonstration of intemperate Joy, make almost one continued Uproar.

After this Excess of Mirth, the Fasts enjoined by their Religion succeed, and continue still the Expiration of *Lent* ; at which Time a Sheep or a Lamb is slaughtered by each Family ; and on the joyful Night which puts an End to this mortifying Season, they endeavour, as it were, by one voracious Meal to make up for the Abstinence they have been compelled to observe. This proves fatal to some, and would undoubtedly be so to many more, did not Nature prevent the Effects of their Intemperance, by a *Cholera Morbus*, or some such Relief.

The last Thing to be taken Notice of with regard to the Manners of these Islanders, is, that their great Veneration for Antiquity, and the little Intercourse they formerly had with
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other Nations, hath occasioned a Number of old Customs to be still kept up here at this Day. Thus poetical Disputes are much in Vogue amongst the Peasants *. One of them sings some extemporary Verses on whatever Subject he pleases, and accompanies them with the Musick of his Guittar ; he is immediately answered, in the same Number of unpremeditated Lines by another, who endeavours to excell or ridicule him ; and this alternate Contest lasts, to the no small Amusement of their attentive Companions, until the Wit of the rival Poets be exhausted. These are the *Carmina Amœbæa* of the ancient *Greeks*, in Imitation of which some of the Pastorals of THEOCRITUS, and VIRGIL, were written. In Imitation of the Ancients too, it is customary for Lovers to pelt their Mistresses with Oranges as a Mark of their Regard † ; though this is a Diversion reserved
for

* These Verses are called *Glossos*, and those who excell in making them, *Glossodors*.

† Malo me Galatea petit lasciva puella, &c.

VIRG. *Eclog* iii.

for the Carnival. The Practice of throwing Nuts and Almonds at Weddings, which VIRGIL * mentions, is likewise retained. Soon after a Person is deceased, his Friends and Relations assemble in the House to bewail their Loss, and commemorate his Virtues, Weeping and Howling with all the seeming Agonies of Distress; and that this was an ancient Custom appears by the elegant and pathetick Funeral Dirge, which we find in LUCRETIVUS †. And in this Island,

Malo ego te ferio, tu si me diligis, illud
 Suscipe, me imperti et virginitate tuâ,
 Hoc fieri, si posse negas, Hoc suscipe malum et
 Quam pereat parvo tempore, forma vide.

PLATO's Epigram paraphrased by BENTINUS.

Which is thus translated.

Fair, if you love me, take the Fruit I throw,
 And, in return, your Virgin Sweets bestow,
 Or take the Orange, tho' you scorn my Suit,
 See Beauty's Emblem in the fading Fruit.

* Sparge marite nuces. *Eclog.* viii.

† At jam non Domus accipiet te læta neque Uxor
 Optima; nec dulces occurrent Oscula Nati,
 Præripere et tacitâ pectus dulcedine tangent,
 Non poteris factis, tibi fortibus esse tuisque

Præsidio :

Island, as in the Southern Provinces of *France*, and in *Italy*, the dead Bodies are not nailed up in Coffins, but carried in an open Litter to the Grave, which we learn from Authors, was also practised, on some Occasions, among the old *Romans* *. Another Instance of their inviolable Attachment to ancient Usages, is the Manner in which the Women wear their Hair; for, contrary to the Custom of all the neighbouring Countries, excepting *Majorca*, they force it with Fillets to the back Part of the Head, and bind it in a *Queue* of a considerable length. When the natural Locks are not long enough for this Purpose, false Ones are added to supply the Deficiency; for nothing is reckoned more unbecoming than to be destitute of a Tail, or to appear with one too short. But not to be tedious with too many Instances, I shall only add that in the Use of the Sling the present Inhabitants of *Minorca* are no less dextrous than their Fore-fathers,

Præsidio: Miser, O Miser, aiunt, omnia ademit
Una Dies infesta tibi tot Præmia Vitæ.

Lib. vi.

* See CORNELIUS NEPOS on the Burial of T. POM-
PON. ATTICUS, and LIPSIIUS's Notes on this Passage.

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who are said to have driven the *Romans* off their Coasts by Volleys of Stones*. The Shepherds, or those that tend the Cattle, but seldom miss such of them as fall under their Displeasure; and by this Means they have their Flocks and Herds so much at command, that even the cracking of the empty Sling is sufficient to intimidate them, and bring them together in such Parts of the Pasture as their Keeper pleases: And as the Cattle are often maimed and hurt by the severe Chastisements inflicted by Means of this Instrument, the Farmers find it expedient to forbid the Use of it to such of their Servants as are of a cruel and mischievous Disposition.

The mentioning of their Cattle puts me in Mind of two other singular Practices which prevail here; *viz.* that of castrating Animals by bruising their Testicles, which, we learn from ALBUCASIS†, was customary among

* FLOR. *Epitom.* Lib. iii.

† Chirug. p. 2. cap. lxix.

the *Arabians*; and the Way of slaughtering Oxen, by thrusting a Knife into the *Medula Spinalis*, immediately behind the *Occiput*, which is so much preferable to the Method of knocking them on the Head, that it is surprizing other Nations do not fall into it.

Having gone through what I intended to remark, in Relation to the Natives, I should next, according to the Plan of this Introduction, give a circumstantial Account of the Diet, and common Way of Life, of the *British* Soldiers in this Island: But as this would be a disagreeable Task, I shall only observe, that the Excess of Drinking, is, amongst them, a universal Vice, confirmed into a constant Habit. *Pudet hæc opprobria nobis, &c.*

But however different the *Spaniards* be from the *English* in their Meat, Drink, Exercise, Affections of the Mind, and Habit of Body; yet the Health of those of both Nations is equally influenced by the Seasons. An epidemical Distemper seldom or never

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attacks the one Class of Inhabitants, while the other remains unhurt; and surprizing as it may appear, it is nevertheless true, that the Peasants remarkable for Temperance and Regularity, and the Soldiers, who without Meat or Cloaths, frequently lie abroad drunk exposed to all Weathers, have Diseases almost similar, both as to their Violence and Duration. Hence it is evident how far the Power of the Air is superior to that of the other Non-naturals in producing Disorders of the Animal Oeconomy.

The Diseases, which from their Frequency in this Island, I reckon *Endemial*, may be divided into two Classes; the *Epidemick*, or such as affect Numbers together at particular Seasons; and the *Sporadick*, which are equally common at all Times of the Year. To the first belong the *Rash*, *Effere*, *Cholera Morbus*, *Tertian Fevers*, *Fluxes*, *Pleurisies*, *Peripneumonies*, *Erysipelatous Fevers*, and those that are accompanied with *Catarrhs*: To the second *Obstructions of the Abdominal Viscera*, the *Hæ-*
morrhoids,

morrhoids, Ulcers of the Legs, Ruptures, Inflammations of the Eyes, and Nephritick Pains.

With respect to the Epidemicks, it may not be improper to observe in general ; that acute Fevers are more frequent here than in *England* ; that they are much more violent, but of shorter Duration ; that they oftner terminate completely by a manifest *Crisis* ; and in all Respects agree much more exactly with what the Ancients have said concerning such Evacuations, and the Periods in which they usually happen.

The most common Diseases of the sporadick Kind are Obstructions, Indurations, and Swellings of the glandular Viscera in the lower Belly ; together with Wind in the first Passages, and bad Digestion. The Causes of these Obstructions seem to be, in the first Place, a Scarcity of good Water ; for as HIPPOCRATES has well observed *, *Where there are no Rivers, and the Inhabitants are obliged to drink stagnating, ill-scented Well-Water,*

* De Aere Aquis & locis sub finem.

such must needs hurt both the Belly and the Spleen. And it is remarkable, that large Spleens, like those described by *Trallianus* *, and hard tumified Livers, are not only common to the human Species here, but also to Brutes; particularly the Sheep that feed on the North-East Side of the Island, where the Waters are very brackish, though the Butchers to whom this Fact is well known, generally ascribe it to their eating the Horse-Mint and Penny-royal which abound in the Pastures.

Secondly, The intense and long continued Summer Heats, by dissipating the finest Particles of the animal Juices, necessarily leave the rest of a grosser and more earthy Nature. And thus, is a large Proportion of that Kind of Matter generated in the Blood, which the Ancients called *Atrabilious*; and this being deposited in the Viscera, occasions the above-mentioned Obstructions †.

Thirdly, Another Cause of these Obstructions, is the Frequency of acute Dis-

* Lib. viii. Cap. xii.

† See Boerhaave's Aphorisms de Melancholia.

eases ; and more especially of Tertian Fevers ; which, as they frequently relapse, and go off with imperfect *Crises*, weaken the Tone of the *Chylopoetick Viscera*, and at last terminate in hard schirrous Tumors of the Liver and Spleen.

It is likewise probable, that their living so much upon Pulse and crude Vegetables ; the Abuse of Spirituous Liquors ; their high-seasoned Diet ; their passionate Temper ; and immoderate Use of Venery, co-operate with the Causes just now mentioned, in producing the same Effects.

But such is the Goodness of Providence, that every Climate seems to yield domestick Antidotes for the Endemial Diseases *. Accordingly we find, that this Island abounds with Whey, Honey, Summer Fruits, gentle Catharticks, *Hieracea*, *Cichoracea*, and all that Class of Plants and Roots, with aperient saponaceous Juices, which Antiquity

* See the Quotations from RAY and BENOROVINUS in DERH. *Physico Theolog.* Book x.

has recommended as Specificks, or approved Remedies in obstructed Bowels.

But in these Distempers, it is universally allowed, that nothing is of so much Advantage, as the *Hæmorrhoidal Flux*; and therefore however frequent and troublesome the Piles may be in this Climate, they ought to be considered rather as a Benefit of Nature, and a Remedy, than as a Misfortune, or a Disease; more especially as they prevent Pleurifies and Peripneumonies, according to the Doctrine of HIPPOCRATES *.

BAGLIVI † tells us, that at *Rome*, Ulcers of the Legs are almost incurable, and Wounds in them difficult to heal; while the like Accidents on the Head, are quickly cured without any Trouble. The same thing happens here, insomuch that it is a Proverb among the Natives, “ *Minorca is good for the Head,*
“ *but bad for the Shins* ||.” This, perhaps,

* De Humor. & Epid. Lib. vi.

† Prax. Med. Lib. i. P. 102.

|| *Minorca es bo de Cap y mal de Camas.*

is owing, partly to the Redundancy of *Ambilious* Particles in the Blood, which naturally flowing into the inferior Branches of the *Aorta*, constantly keep open any Outlet through which they have once found the Way; partly to the large obstructed *Viscera*, compressing the *Vena Cava*, and hindering the free Return of the Fluids from the inferior Extremities. Hence we find, that Ulcers of the Legs, with black *Cicatrices* (such as may daily be seen among the Soldiers and *Spaniards*) are mentioned both by HIPPOCRATES * and CELSUS †, as the Effect of overgrown Spleens.

And now it plainly appears, why Ruptures are so common in this Place; for the other Bowels being swelled beyond their natural Size, the Intestines are too much confined; and from the Nature of the Aliment, being frequently distended with Wind, it is not to be wondered at, that they often push through the Rings of the Abdominal Muscles.

* De morb. intem.

† Lib. ii. Cap. vii.

In so hot and dry a Country as this, all the Parts of the Body, are very subject to topical Inflammations: But the Eyes are most particularly affected in this Way; which seems to be occasioned chiefly by the strong dazzling Light reflected, during the Summer Season, from the white Rocks and Sand; to which we may perhaps add, that the floating Particles of Salt, Dust, and minute Insects, wherewith the Air often abounds, do likewise injure the tender Texture of this Organ, and give rise to *Ophthalmia's*, or encrease them.

Whatever dissipates the finer Parts of our Fluids, and encreases the Proportion of Earth, and fixed Matter (and several such Causes I have already had Occasion to take Notice of) will be apt to produce Sand and Gravel in the Urinary Passages; though it is probable, that the calculous Concretions and nephritick Pains are chiefly owing to the Waters; which, as I formerly observed, are mostly
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hard and brackish, and let fall a large Quantity of stony Sediment after boiling.

The Convulsion of the lower Jaw in Children, ought likewise to be reckoned among the sporadick Distempers. And as it is both very frequent and fatal in this Island, and some of the neighbouring Countries, I shall give a Description of it from HYACINTHUS ANDREAS, a *Spaniard*, who about the End of the last Century, published an Abridgement of RIVERIUS, under the Name of *Praxis Medica Gotholanorum*, with very little Addition of his own, excepting an Account of this Disease, which most other Authors have omitted. *In hac Urbe nostrâ Barcinonensi, affliguntur plurimi infantes, adeo feroci convulsione mandibulæ inferioris, ut eâ apprehensi, nullo possint motu illam movere, et abhinc suctus lactis impeditur omnino. Emergit hoc malum, ex causa humiditatis regionis, et potissimum si matres prægnationis tempore, minus sobrie vixerint; et usæ fuerint alimentis humidis, et potibus gelidarum eximiis: et quanquam istas duas inveniamus causas, adeo manifestas,*

manifestas, existimo tamen potius hanc cladem insolefcere, ex peculiari cæli vel astrorum influxu, quam ex illis duabus: Nam in plurimis aliis humidis regionibus, laute bibunt mulieres, et tamen non affliçantur infantes (ita attestantur medici) morbo isto diro, quemadmodum in hac nostra civitate, in quâ tot interficit mala ista convulsio, ac variolæ aut morbilli. Unde si in toto orbe premantur infantes unico tyranno, nempe variolis, in hac quidem civitate, duplici conflitantur; sciz. Variolis et convulsione mandibularum, quæ a nostris mulierculis et obstetricibus vocantur barrettas, in quarum periculum incurrunt recenter nati, usque ad nonum suæ natiuitatis diem, eoque transactò, omne discrimen cessare docuit semper experientia. It is needless to add the Remedies prescribed by our Author, who ingenuously confesses, the Disease is so seldom curable, that in twenty Years Practise, he had scarce known six recover.

To these we may add the following Hurts arising from endemial Causes. The Child-

ren and Peasants are often ulcerated with the caustick milky Juice of the Fig-Trees and Spurges, which are common in the Fields: In drinking corrupted Waters, sometimes Leeches are swallowed, which I have known to occasion extraordinary Symptoms, such as Coughs, Nausea, Spitting of Blood, &c. to the great Surprize of both the Physician and Patient, who were intirely ignorant of the Cause of these Complaints. The *Pastinacæ Marinæ*, and *Aquila*, wound dangerously with the Stings in their Tails; and the *Scorpius*, *Scorpæna*, and *Draco*, with the Prickles of their Back; (for which Reason the Fishermen are obliged by Law to cut of these Weapons before they bring the Fish to Market.) In the hot Weather, the Viper, the Land Scorpion, and the small black Field Spider, are reckoned poisonous: In the Spring the Hedge-Hogs, *Flagrantes æstu venereo*, are said to pollute the Waters, to which they have Access, and thereby occasion a Strangury and Priapism to those who drink of them: and at this Season the Flesh of these Animals has the same

same Effect, though it is wholesome and innocent enough at other Times of the Year: But as Accidents of this Class rarely occur, it is sufficient, barely to have mentioned them.

In the Opinion of the Natives, no Diseases are more frequent here, than Witchcraft, Charms, and evil Spirits: Those nevertheless, I shall entirely omit, having neither Leisure nor Inclination to enlarge upon the Craft of the Clergy, and the Credulity of their Flocks: But whoever desires to see this Subject copiously handled, may consult the learned Father FEIJOO, who in his useful and elaborate Volumes on vulgar Errors, has taken Occasion to expose the Tricks of those pious Jugglers, who pretend to exorcise evil Spirits, together with several other Impostures of the same Nature.

These Particulars I thought it necessary to premise, before we enter on the History of the epidemical Diseases. In Excuse for whatever Errors I may have committed in this
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mixt Essay, I hope I may be allowed to plead, my having wrote it in a remote Corner of the World, which afforded me very little Assistance either from Men or Books.

*Qualemunque igitur veniâ dignare libellum
Sortis et excusa conditione meæ.*

OVID.

Minorca, An. Dom. MDCCXLVII.





AN
E S S A Y
ON THE
EPIDEMICAL DISEASES
IN
M I N O R C A.

C H A P. I.

Of the Weather from the Year 1744 to 1749.

I AM sorry it was not in my Power, for CHAP. I.
want of Conveniency and proper Instru-
ments, to determine exactly the Weight of
the Air, the Quantity of Rain, and Force of the
Winds : Notwithstanding which Omissions,
I flatter myself, the following short Account
of

CHAP. the principal Variations of the Weather,
 I. taken from a Diary regularly kept, with very
 ~~~~~ few Interruptions, will neither be intirely  
 uselefs nor unacceptable: And, in order to  
 make it better understood, I shall premise  
 a few explanatory Observations.

In the first Place, in speaking of Days and Months, I use the old Stile, as is customary among the *English* in *Minorca*; though the Natives reckon by the New: And where it appeared necessary to distinguish the Forenoon from the Afternoon, I have annexed a. m. or p. m. to the particular Days.

Secondly, wherever a rainy Day occurs, without any Dots after it, the Reader will be pleased to take Notice, that only drizzling Rain, or a slight Shower, happened on that Day: But if two Dots be placed after it, in this Manner .. it signifies one or more smart Showers to have fallen: If three Dots ... great Rains: If four .... extreme heavy Rains, or rather Floods of Water.

Thirdly,



Thirdly, wherever the Thermometer is mentioned, it is to be understood of a large mercurial One, graduated according to FAHRENHEIT's Scale, and kept in a proper Place within Doors; except when I describe the Heat of the Sun's Rays; which was measured by a smaller Instrument of the same Kind, hung out at an upper Window, in the open Street, at a considerable Distance from the Walls of Houses. Both these Thermometers, being dipt in Snow, fell to the 32d Degree. Both were raised to the 96th, 97th, or 98th Degrees, by the natural Warmth of Persons in Health. Nor did I observe any other Difference between them, excepting that the Mercury in the Smallest was soonest affected by Heat or Cold, and consequently a little quicker in its Motions; which occasioned its being found sometimes a Degree higher in Summer, and as much lower in Winter, than the Quicksilver in the large Thermometer.

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Fourthly,



CHAP. Fourthly, the Height of the Thermometer,  
I. at a Medium, during each Month, is calculated from Observations, made about three o'Clock in the Afternoon, when the Mercury is commonly higher by one or two Degrees in Winter, and two or three in Summer, than in the Mornings and Evenings.

Fifthly, The Difference between the Heat of Air warmed by the direct Rays of the Sun, and that in the Shade, is at a Medium in Summer, about 13 Degrees. Whenever it was remarkably greater, Notice will be taken of it; as likewise of the most extraordinary Heights, to which the Mercury rose, when the Thermometer was exposed to the Sun, at other Times of the Year.

Sixthly, The Mercury seldom or never sinks below the 48th Degree in *Minorca*, except when sharp Winds blow from the North, which causes the Weather to seem as intensely cold, as it is in *England*, when the  
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Thermometer has been ten Degrees lower. CHAP  
 And upon the Descent of heavy Rains, particu- I.  
 larly in the Autumn, the Cold affects us  
 much more sensibly than one would ima-  
 gine, from the Alteration of the Thermo-  
 meter.

These things being premised, I proceed to describe the most remarkable Changes of the Weather, in each Month, during the Period of Time, that produced the epidemical Diseases, which are the Subject of this Treatise.

A. D. MDCCXLIV.

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*January* was mild and temperate in the 1744.  
 Beginning: But after the Rains, about the  
 Middle of the Month, it continued, for the  
 most part Part cold and cloudy.

Rainy Days, 1, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14,  
 15, 19, with Hail, 20 with Hail,  
 24, 27, 30.

The first Days of *February* were cloudy,  
 cold, rainy, and storm: From the 4th to



CHAP. the 19th the Weather was moderate, and  
 I. feasonable, without exceſſive Rains or immo-  
 1744. derate Cold: From which, to the 26th, it  
 was fair and warm: But afterwards to the  
 End of the Month, rough and ſtormy, as in  
 the Beginning.

*March*, during the firſt Week, was ſome-  
 times warm and ſometimes cold: But in the  
 three laſt Weeks, piercing Winds blew con-  
 ſtantly from the North, with frequent Rains,  
 and ſometimes Hail.

The Weather continued colder, and more  
 diſagreeable than uſual, till much Rain had  
 fallen about the Middle of *April*; the Re-  
 mainder of which Month was moſtly fair  
 and temperate.

The firſt Fortnight of *May* was likewise  
 fair and temperate; the latter Part of it, dry  
 and warm, without any Rain.

*June* was clear, calm, dry, and ſultry, as  
 this and the two following Months, are:



constantly observed to be; the Weather vary-  
 ing much less in these than in the other  
 Months.

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 1744.

Rainy Day, 9.

In *July* the Northerly Winds were higher and more frequent than ordinary, inso-  
 much, that on some Days the Cold was  
 more troublesome than the Heat; nor  
 do I ever remember to have felt so little of  
 it in this Month, in *Minorca*.

Rainy Days, 6, at Night . . . . with Thun-  
 der and Lightning, 17 p. m.

|                               |            |               |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| The coldest Day, 8.           | Therm. 70. | } Height at a |
| The hottest Days, 21, 22, 31. | 80.        |               |

During the first Days of *August*, the north-  
 erly Winds continued: But the rest of the  
 Month was either calm, or the Breezes  
 came from the South, the air being very hot  
 and sultry.

Rainy Days, 2 a. m. 14 a. m.

|                               |            |               |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Coldest Days, 3, 4.           | Therm. 73. | } Height at a |
| Hottest Days, 27, 28, 29, 30. | 80.        |               |



CHAP. In *September* the Weather is always very  
 I. unequal; fair Intervals, and short violent Storms  
 1744. reciprocally succeeding each other: But this  
 Year the anniversary Rains, were not so con-  
 stantly attended with northerly Winds, as they  
 commonly are.

Rainy Days, 7 a. m. . . . with Thunder  
 and Lightning, and at Night . . . . 11, at  
 Night, . . . . 15, at Night, . . . . 18, at  
 Night, . . . . 19, at Night, . . . . 22, at  
 Night, . . . with Lightning 23, at Night, . . .  
 with Lightning.

The coldest Days, 17, 26. Therm. 71. } Height at a  
 The hottest Days, 1, 2, 3. 76. { Med. 73  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

In the first Part of *October*, the Winds  
 were mostly from the North or North West,  
 the Weather variable and unsettled: But  
 from the 14th, to the End of the Month, it  
 was calm, warm, and fair.

Rainy Days, 2, at Night, 4, at Night, . .  
 5, at Night, . . 13, a. m. and p. m. . . .

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The coldest Day, 14. Therm. 65. } Height at a CHAP.  
 The hottest Day, 1, 2. 71. } Med. 68<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>. I.

*November* was remarkable for bad Weather. All the first Day, and the second before Noon, it blew violently from the North, with heavy Rain: From the 7th to the 22d the Weather was constantly cold, cloudy, and stormy, with Hail, Rain, and high Winds, from the North. After a few fair Days, this Month ended stormy, as it began. 1744.

The coldest Days, Th. 50. } Height at a Med. 56.  
 The hottest Days, 1. 67. }

From the first of *December*, to the 13, the Air was cold, but for the most Part clear; the Wind North or North West. But at that Time, shifting suddenly to North East, a violent Storm began and continued with great Fury to the 17th, more especially in the Nights, with Hail, Rain, and Flakes of Snow. On the 18th the Weather again cleared up; but on the 21st it once more become cold, stormy, and rainy, and, excepting one fair Day or two, it continued so to the End of the Month.



CHAP. The coldest Days, 14, 15, Therm. 44. } Height at a  
 I. The hottest Days, 26, 31. 57. } Med. 51  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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This Year began with strong piercing northerly Winds; nor did the Coldness of the Air decrease much, before the latter End of *January*, though the Weather was mostly calm and clear with Sunshine.

Rainy Days, 6, at Night, .. with Hail, 13, at Night, .. 15, at Night, .. 26, at Night, ..

The coldest Day, 6. Therm. 43. } Height at a  
 The hottest Days, 26 to 31. 57. } Med. 52.

The first Week of *February* was pleasant and serene; the Remainder was mostly cold, cloudy, and overcast.

Rainy Days, 8, p. m. ... 11, at Night, .. 15, .. 21, ... 24, a. m. ... 25, 28. ..

The coldest Day, 26. Therm. 46. } Height at a  
 The hottest Day, 7, 8. 61. } Med. 55.

*March*, this Year, excepting the first Day, which was windy, contrary to Custom, was



was warm, calm, and dry, without any CHAP.  
Storms, the Winds being mostly from the I.  
South or West.

1745.

Rainy Days, 22, a. m. 23. . .

The coldest Day, 1. Therm 51. } Height at a  
The hottest Day, 11, 12. 63. } Med. 59.

*April* was likewise warm and temperate,  
but somewhat more windy and rainy than  
the preceeding Month.

Rainy Days, 3, 8, 23, . . . 27, 28.

The coldest Day, 17. Therm. 58. } Height at a  
The hottest Days, 25, 26. 65. } Med. 61  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

On the 19th, Therm. in the Shade 62,  
exposed to the Sun 80.

The Heat of the Weather increased great-  
ly in *May*, notwithstanding some unsea-  
sonable Rains, and northerly Winds, about  
the End of the Month.

Rainy Days, 1, 7, 8, . . 16, . . 23, at  
Night, . . . 24, p. m. . . . 25.

The



CHAP. The coldest Days, 1, 2. Therm. 62. } Height at a  
 I. The hottest Day, 17. 74. } Med.  $68\frac{8}{31}$ .

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 1745. On the 4th, Therm. in the Shade 65, ex-
 posed to the Sun 88.

The Beginning of *June* was likewise un-
 seasonable, with Rains and northerly Winds.
 The rest of the Month was calm, dry, and
 hot, as usual.

Rainy Days, 4, a. m. and at Noon, . . .
 7, at Night.

The coldest Days, 4 to 7 Therm. 69. } Height at a
 The hottest Day, 28. 82. } Med. $73\frac{1}{2}$.

On the 28th, Therm. in Shade 82, ex-
 posed to the Sun 98.

July was a little more temperate than
 usual, the Heat of the Air being frequently
 allayed by Breezes or Showers.

Rainy Days, 16, a. m. . . . 17, a. m.
 and p. m. and at Night, with Thun-
 der, 27, p. m. . . 29, at Night, with
 Lightning.

The coldest Days, 21, 22. Therm. 75. } Height at a CHAP.
 The hottest Days, 6, 25, 26. 80. } Med. 77 $\frac{12}{31}$. I.

On the 7th, Th. in the Shade 79, ex-
 posed to the Sun 100. 25th, Th. in the ^{1745.}
 Shade 80, exposed to the Sun 96.

August, excepting the three first Days,
 was excessive hot and sultry, till the latter
 End, when the Air was refreshed by brisk
 northerly Breezes.

Rainy Days, none.

The coldest Days, 1, 23 to 27. Th. 74. } Height at a
 The hottest Day, 9. 82. } Med. 77 $\frac{25}{31}$.

On the 9th, Th. in the Shade 82, ex-
 posed to the Sun 95.

The Beginning of *September* was very sul-
 try, though not always serene. But from
 the 12th to the End, it was constantly ei-
 ther cloudy, rainy, or stormy with violent
 Squalls from the North.

Rainy Days, 12, at Night, 13, at
 Night, . . . 14, at Night, with Thunder,
 16, p.m. . . . and at Night, . . . with Thun-
 der,

CHAP. der, 17, p.m. 18, a.m. and at
 I. Night, with Thunder and Lightning,
 1745. 19, a.m. and at Night, 20, ..
 27, at Night, with Thunder and Light-
 ning, 28, .. 30, at Night, with Lightning.

Much Lightning in the Nights of the
 20th, 21st, and 22d.

The coldest Days, 19. Th. 69. } Height at a Med. $74 \frac{1}{2}$.
 The hottest Day, 9. 80. } $74 \frac{1}{2}$.

On the 24th, Th. in the Shade 73, ex-
 posed to the Sun 89.

The Weather, during *October*, was fair,
 pleasant, and serene, excepting the rainy
 Days, and some few others, the Winds being
 mostly moderate and northerly.

Rainy Days, 1, a.m. 3, a.m. 7, at
 Night, with Thunder and Lightning,
 8, a.m. 17, at Night, with Lightning
 25, 26, at Night, ... 27, a.m.

The coldest Days, 29, 30. Therm. 61. } Height at a
 The hottest Days, 1, 2. 69. } Med. $65 \frac{2}{3}$.

Almost

1745.

Almost all *November* was either cloudy or wet: From the Beginning to the 24th, the Wind was mostly from the South, or South-West. Afterwards it changed to the North; and the Air continued cold and damp to the end of the Month.

Rainy days, 2, 5, 7, at Night, ... 10, a. m. ... and p. m. ... and at Night, ... 11, at Night, ... 14, 15, at Night, ... with Hail, 21, a. m. ... 26, ... 27, ... 30. ...

The coldest Day, 27. Th. 50. } Height at a Med. 58 $\frac{6}{30}$.
The hottest Day, 8. 65. }

The first Week of *December*, was wet and cold with high easterly and northerly Winds. The Remainder was somewhat more temperate and calm; the Winds being, for the most part, South-West or southerly.

Rainy Days, 1, ... 2, ... 5, at Night, ... 7, p. m. ... 12, ... 18, ... 20, p. m. ... and at Night, ... 21. ...

The coldest Days, 5, 6, 9. Therm. 48. } Height at a
The hottest Day, 27. 60. } Med. 53 $\frac{10}{31}$.

A. D.

CHAP.

A. D. MDCCXLVI.

I.
1746.

The greatest Part of *January* was fair and clear, with cold easterly Winds.

Rainy Days 6, . . . 10, . . . 11, a. m. . . 23, 31, . . . with Hail.

The coldest Days, 7, 12. Therm. 48. } Height at a
The hottest Day, 28. 57. } Med. 52 $\frac{23}{31}$.

During *February*, the Weather resembled that of the preceding Month, though somewhat colder, and more windy.

Rainy Days 3, . . . 6, a. m. . . . 7, a. m. . . . 23, a. m. . . . 28. . .

The coldest Days, 2, 3, 15. Therm. 45. } Height at a
The hottest Days, 20. 57. } Med. 51 $\frac{16}{28}$.

On the first of *March*, there was a remarkable Storm from the North, with Flakes of Snow in the Evening. Next Morning, the Fields were covered with Snow a Foot deep, which melted away soon after Sun-rising. But some more fell the following Night,

Night, and continued upon the Ground for CHAP.
 three Days e'er it melted: Which is so I.
 extraordinary a Phænomenon in that Part of
 the World, that it had never before hap- 1746.
 pened above once or twice in the Memory of
 Man. From the 5th Day, the Cold gra-
 dually decreased to the 15th, and afterwards,
 to the End of the Month, we had fine mo-
 derate Weather.

Rainy Days, 13, 14, .. 28, a. m. 30,
 a. m. 31.

The coldest Days, 3, 4. Th. 42. } Height at a
 The hottest Days, 24, 27, 30, 31. 60. } Med. 54 $\frac{5}{31}$.

In *April* the Weather was exceeding
 changeable, and often rainy or overcast.

Rainy Days, 3, at Night, 4, a. m.
 10, p. m. 11, with Hail, 13,
 with a Storm of Wind, 14, 17, at Night,
 18, a. m. 23.

The coldest Day, 13. Therm. 54. } Height at a
 The hottest Day, 30. 68. } Med. 59 $\frac{22}{30}$.

On the 3d, Th. in the Shade 57, exposed to the Sun 83.
 29th, 65, 88.

May

CHAP.

I. *May* was calm, serene, and seasonable, seldom obscured with Clouds or Rain, until it drew near an End.

1746.

Rainy Days, 9, 21, 24, a.m. . . 29, 30, p.m. . . . with Thunder and Lightning, and at Night, . . . with Thunder and Lightning.

The coldest Day, 11. Th. 64. } Height at a
The hottest Days, 4, 5, 18, 20. 70. } Med. 68 $\frac{3}{4}$.

June, as usual, was dry, sultry, and serene.

Rainy Days, 15th.

The coldest Day, 11. Therm. 69. } Height at a
The hottest Days, 26, 27. 79. } Med. 73 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The Heat gradually increased, from the End of *June* to the 20th of *July*, being very troublesome and uneasy, even to those, who never exposed themselves to the Sun: But during the latter Part of the Month, it was mitigated by daily Breezes.

Rainy

Rainy Days, 28, a. m. 29, a. m. and at Night, 30, a. m. . . . with Thunder and Lightning. I. 1746.

The coldest Days, 8, 29, 30. Th. 77. } Height at a
The hottest Day, 19. 87. } Med. 80 $\frac{25}{31}$.

August was more temperate than the preceding Month, the Heat being somewhat allayed by the northerly Winds.

Rainy Days, 1, a. m. 19, a. m. 27, p. m. . . . with Thunder and Lightning, 31, at Night, . . . with Thunder and Lightning.

The coldest Day, 29. Therm. 70. } Height at a
The hottest Day, 15. 81. } Med. 76. $\frac{15}{31}$.

September began with Storms of Wind and Rain; from the 4th to the 14th it was clear and warm; from which to the End of the Month the Sky was constantly either darkened with heavy Rains, or was tempestuous with strong northerly Winds; the Weather being much colder than usual at that Season of the Year.

CHAP.

I.

1746. Rainy Days, 2, p. m. . . . with Thunder and Lightning, 3, a. m. . . . with Thunder and Lightning, and Hail-Stones of an Inch Diameter, 15, a. m. . . . 16, a. m. . . and at Night, . . . 17, . . . with Thunder and Lightning, 18, . . 19, . . 20, at Noon, . . and at Night, . . . 22, p. m. . . 23, at Night, . . . 24, . . and at Night, . . . 26, and at Night, . . . 28, at Noon. . . .

The coldest Day, 22, 26.

The hottest Day, 13.

Th. 58. } Height at a.

74. } Med. 67 $\frac{7}{10}$.

The first and last Week of *October*, were: mostly pleasant and serene: The two intermediate Weeks were rainy and over-cast; and the whole Month was uncommonly cold, with northerly Winds.

Rainy Days, 8, p. m. and at Night, 9, at Night, . . . 10, . . . at Night, . . . 14, p. m. . . 18, 20, p. m. . . . 21, . . . with Thunder and Lightning, 22, p. m. . . . and at Night, . . . 30, a. m. . . . with Hail.

The coldest Days, 8. 9. Therm. 54. } Height at a CHAP.
The hottest Day, 1. 68. } Med. 58 $\frac{21}{31}$. I.

During *November* the Weather was calm 1746.
and seasonable, with much Sunshine on the
Days free from Rain.

Rainy Days, 1, at Night, .. 2, ... and
at Night, 3, at Night, 4, ... 5, ..
12, at Night, ... 14, .. 17, a. m. .. 19,
a. m. .. 26, p. m.

The coldest Day, 20. Therm 54. } Height at a
The hottest Days, 28, 29. 62. } Med. 57. $\frac{17}{36}$.

In *December* there was no extraordinary
cold Weather, and very seldom high Winds;
nor was the Serenity of the Sky much inter-
rupted by Clouds or Rain.

Rainy Days, 14, ... 15, .. 29, at
Night, ... 30, .. 31, ... and at Night.

The coldest Days, 11 to 15. Th. 54. } Height at a
The hottest Day, 59. } Med. 56.

CHAP.

A. D. MDCCXLVII.

I.

~~~~~ The Weather of *January*, was like that  
*A. D.* of the preceding Month, but somewhat more  
 1747. wet and cold in the Beginning.

Rainy Days, 1 a. m. . . . 2, p. m. . . and  
 at Night . . . 4, at Night, . . 12 . . 14. . .

|                           |           |                         |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| The coldest Day, 5.       | Th. 50. } | Height at a             |
| The hottest Days, 20, 28. | 59. }     | Med. 55 $\frac{4}{3}$ . |

During the first Fortnight of *February*,  
 we had warm, fair, Summer-like Weather :  
 The third Week was rainy and tempestuous,  
 with some Hail and Snow ; the fourth very  
 changeable the Sun-shine being often inter-  
 rupted with Showers.

Rainy Days, 16, p. m. . . . and at  
 Night, . . . . 17, a. m. . . and p. m. . . with  
 Hail and Snow, 19, at Night, . . . 21 . . 24,  
 at Night, . . 25, 27, 28.

|                         |              |                           |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| The coldest Day, 18.    | Therm. 45. } | Height at a               |
| The hottest Day, 5, 10. | 62. }        | Med. 55 $\frac{20}{28}$ . |



On the 4th, Therm. in the Shade 61,  
exposed to the Sun 78.

1747.

From the Beginning of *March*, to the 21, the Weather was cold, and often wet; the Winds mostly from the North, and sometimes very boisterous: The Remainder of the Month was fair and moderate, with westerly or South-West Winds.

Rainy Days, 1, 2, . . . 3, . . . and at Night, . . . 9, p. m. . . 14, a. m. . . 17, at Night, . . . 19, a. m. . . 20, a. m. . . with Hail.

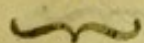
The coldest Day, 6, 13 to 17, Th. 50. } Height at a  
The hottest Day, 30. } 63. { Med. 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*April* was fair and dry, but sometimes very windy; in the fore Part of the Month especially; and the Wind being then at North, did great Damage to the Fields and Vineyards. About the Middle and to the End, the South-East prevailed.

Rainy Days, 9, at Night . . . 10, at Night. . .



CHAP. The coldest Days, 2, 3. Th. 56. } Height at a  
 I. The hottest Days, 27 to 30 68. } Med.  $61\frac{22}{30}$ .



1747. Betwixt the 1st and the 9th of *May*, the Weather was often disagreeable, with Rain, Clouds, or much Wind. But almost all the rest of the Month was clear, calm, and warm.

Rainy Days, 1, 6, p. m. . . . 7, p. m. . . .  
 with Thunder and Lightning, 8, at Noon, . . .  
 28, p. m. with Thunder and Lightning, 29,  
 a. m. . .

The coldest Days, 1, 7 to 10. Th. 67. } Height at a  
 The hottest Day, 31. 75. } Med. 71.

On the 4th, Therm. in the Shade 70, exposed to the Sun 88.

*June* was hot and dry as usual. On the 27th of the Month, dark Clouds suddenly rose from the North, a little before Sun-set, and a Storm of Wind succeeded, which lasted all that Night.

Rainy Days, 23, a. m.



The coldest Days, 23, Th. 71. } Height at a Med. 76. CHAP.  
The hottest Days, 26, 27. 80. } I.

On the 24th, Th. in the Shade 71, ex-  
posed to the Sun 94. 1747.

During *July*, hot suffocating Winds with  
unwholesome Vapours, from the South and  
East, were predominant.

Rainy Days, 6, a. m. . . . 7, a. m. . . . 18.  
at Night, . . . . 26, p. m. . . .

The coldest Day, 8. Th. 73. } Height at a Med. 79  $\frac{7}{31}$ .  
The hottest Day, 21. 84. }

On the 12th, Therm. in Shade 80, ex-  
posed to the Sun 99. On the 21st, Therm.  
in the Shade 84, exposed to the Sun 100.

The Beginning of *August* was intole-  
rably hot; nor was the rest much more  
temperate, though it rained plentifully about  
the Middle and End of it, the Winds be-  
ing most commonly from the East and South-  
East.



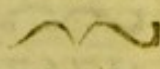
CHAP. Rainy days, 9, p. m. 12, at Night, . . . .  
 I. with Thunder and Lightning, 15, at Night, . . . .  
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 1747. with Thunder and Lightning, 16, p. m.
 with Thunder and Lightning, 28, at Night,
 29, a. m. with Thunder and Lightning, 30,
 a. m. . . . and much Lightning at Night.

The coldest Day, 30.	Th. 74.	} Height at a
The hottest Days, 8, 10, 11.	84.	

On the 8th, Therm. in the Shade 84, exposed to the Sun 100. On the 15, Therm. in the Shade 79, exposed to the Sun 98.

The flight Showers, which fell first in *September*, rather increased than allayed the Warmth of the Air: But the Storms of Wind and Rain about the Middle of the Month put an End to the hot Weather for that Season.

Rainy Days, 8, 11, a. m. 13, p. m. and at Night, 14, and at Night,
 18, at Night, . . . with Thunder and Lightning, 19, . . . and at Night, 20, . . .
 21, at Noon, . . . with Hail, 23, p. m. and
 at

at Night, . . . 24, a. m. . . . and at Night, . . . CHAP.
 25, . . . 28, p. m. . . . and at Night, I.
 Thunder and Lightning, 29, . . . and at 
 Night, 30, a. m. . . . 1747.

The coldest Day, 21. Th. 63. } Height at a Med. 72 $\frac{22}{30}$.
 The hottest Day, 10. 81. }

On the 1st, Th. in the Shade 79, exposed to the Sun 98.
 2d, 80, 100.
 10th, 81, 98.

Excepting a Shower or two, and a
 Storm of Wind from the North-East on
 the 21st, *October* was entirely calm and
 serene.

Rainy Days, 4, p. m. . . and at Night, . .
 17, p. m. . . 19, p. m. . . 21.

Coldest Days, 19, 25, 27, 28. Th. 62. } Height at a
 Hottest Days, 10, 11, 12, 14. 70. } Med. 65 $\frac{27}{31}$.

On the 2d, Th. in the Shade 67, exposed to the Sun 90.
 9th, 69, 86.
 23d, 64, 83.
 26th, 63, 88.

Nor

CHAP. Nor was *November* less serene, though
 I. sometimes more windy, especially at the
 1747. Close of the Month; when it blew violently
 from the North.

Rainy Days, 26, a. m. . . . with Hail.

The coldest Days, 27. Therm. 51. } Height at a
 The hottest Day, 2. 67. } Med. 60 $\frac{2}{3}$.

On the 16th, Th. in the Shade	59,	exposed to the Sun	84.
22d,	62,		82.
27th,	51,		74.
28th,	54 $\frac{1}{2}$		78.

From the 1st to the 6th of *December* the
 Wind blew strong from the South-West; as it
 did from the South-East, from the 20th to the
 24th: The other Days of this Month were
 mostly fair, calm, and agreeable, the whole
 of the Month was uncommonly warm for
 the Season, excepting the last Day, when
 the Wind changed to the North.

Rainy Days, 8, a. m. . . . and at Night, . .
 9, 12, 14, . . with Thunder and Lightning,
 and at Night, . . 17, . . 24, a. m. . . . 25,
 p. m. . . . 28, p. m. . .

The

The coldest Days, 31. Therm. 53. } Height at a CHAP.
The hottest Day, 3, 5. 64. } Med. 58 $\frac{1}{3}$. I.

On the 5th, Th. in the Shade 64, exposed to the Sun 88. }
6th, 63, 84. } 1747.

A. D. MDCCXLVIII.

The sharp northerly Wind, which began on the last of *December*, was attended with some Hail and Snow on the 4th, and continued to the 6th of *January*: It then shifted to the North-West, and though the Weather was mostly fair and dry, yet the Air continued cold till the Rains fell, near the latter End of the Month.

Rainy Days, 2, a. m. .. and p. a. m. .. 5, a. m. 6, at Night, ... 15, at Noon, .. 8, at Night, .. 22, at Night, ... 23, and at Night, ... 25, p. m. ..

The coldest Days, 4. Therm. 43. } Height at a
The hottest Day, 22. 57. } Med. 51 $\frac{1}{3}$.

On the 8th, Th. in the Shade 44, exposed to the Sun 64.
18th, 50, 68.

The

CHAP. The Weather continued mild and temperate to the 17th of *February*, tho the Rain that fell in the second Week were accompanied with high southerly, and South-East Winds: Afterwards, to the End of the Month, we had dry, cold, North, and North-West Winds, which did much Mischief to the Corn.

I.
1748.

Rainy Days, 6, at Night, 8, 9, .. 10 a. m. .. and p. m. ... 11, a. m. ... 12 a. m. 15, at Night, 16, .. and at Night, .. 18, p. m. 25, at Night, ... with Hail, 26 p. m. .. and at Night. ..

The coldest Day, 21.	Therm. 48.	} Height at Med. 55.
The hottest Days, 6, 8.	60.	

On the 1st, Th. in the Shade	56,	exposed to the Sun	77
19th,	52,		77
24th,	54,		88

In the Beginning of *March*, the Weather was windy, but not very cold: Between the 10th and 23d, we had violent Storms of Wind, Rain, and Hail, with fair Intervals; the Em

of the Month was remarkably pleasant and CHAP.
serene. I.

Rainy Days, 7, p. m. with a little Hail, 174⁸.
10, a. m. 11, at Night, ... 12, a. m. ... and
p. m. ... with Hail and Snow, and at Night, ...
13, at Night, 14, p. m. 16, p. m. and at
Night, ... with Thunder and Lightning, and
Snow, 17, ... 18, ... and at Night, ... 19,
p. m. ... and at Night, ... 20, p. m. 21,
30, p. m.

The coldest Days, 19, 21, Therm. 50. } Height at a
The hottest Days, 27, 29, 30. 63. } Med. 55 $\frac{2}{3}$.

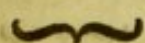
On the 14th, Th. in the Shade 51, exposed to the Sun, 76.
27th, 63, 82.

April was cold and stormy from the 14th
to the 20th; all the rest of the Month was
calm, clear, and warm, excepting the 25th,
when it rained, and blew fresh from the
North-West.

Rainy Days, 6, at Night, 14, p. m. ...
with Thunder, 15, at Night, ... 16, p. m. ...
with Thunder and Lightning, and at Night, ...
with

CHAP. with Thunder and Lightning, 19, 24, at:

I. Night, ... 25, ... 30.



174⁸. The coldest Day, 16. Th. 55. } Height at a
The hottest Days, 24, 28, 29, 30. 65. } Med. 61 $\frac{1}{2}$.

May was clear, calm, and warm, excepting the 15th and 16th Days, when it blew violently from the North.

Rainy Days, 20, p. m. 21, p. m.

The coldest Day, 16. Therm. 61. } Height at a
The hottest Days, 25, 30, 31. 72. } Med. 68 $\frac{2}{3}$.

About the Middle of *June*, the North-East Winds blowing fresh for some Days, allayed the Heat of the Air, but did great Damage to the Fruit Trees.

Rainy Day, 26, at Noon.

The coldest Day, 18. Therm. 71. } Height at a
The hottest Days, 12, 13. 80. } Med. 75 $\frac{2}{3}$.

The first Weeks of *July* were extremely hot and sultry, especially from the 6th to the 16th; the Mercury in the Thermometer rising

rising daily above the 80th Degree. Nor
 was the latter part of it much more tempe-
 rate, tho' it blew from the North pretty
 briskly on the 17th and 18th, and moderately
 about the End of the Month.

CHAP.
 I.
 1748.

Rainy Days, 2, a. m. 16, at Night, 17th,
 at Night, 18, at Noon, 31, at Night, . .
 with Thunder and Lightning.

The coldest Day, 18. Therm. 74. } Height at a
 The hottest Days, 14, 15, 16. 84. } Med. 79 $\frac{5}{31}$.

On the 5th, Th. in the Shade 79, exposed to the Sun 96.
 7th, 81, 100.
 23d, 81, 98.

The excessive Heat of the Season con-
 tinued to the 19th of *August*; then it inter-
 mitted for some Days, the Clouds threatening
 Rain, with boisterous Winds from the North,
 especially in the Night-time. On the 24th
 it again became sultry, and continued so to
 the End of the Month.

Rainy Days, 3, a. m. 7, at Night, 19,
 a. m. with Thunder and Lightning, and at
 Night. . . .

The

CHAP. The coldest Days, Th. 74. } Height at a
 I. The hottest Days, 15. 85. } Med. 79 $\frac{4}{31}$.

1748. On the 9th, Th. in the Shade 77, exposed to the Sun 95.
 10th, 79, 96.
 14th, 84, 101.
 15th, 85, 100.

In *September* though the Sky was often over-cast, with Signs of Rain, yet the Showers were neither so heavy nor so frequent as they commonly are about this Time of the Year: But large Dews falling in the Nights, and constant Breezes from the North rendered the Air temperate, as it commonly is in this Month.

Rainy Days, 8, at Night, 9, at Night, with Thunder and Lightning, 17, at Night, 18, at Night, 23, at Noon, and at Night, 24, a. m. ..

The coldest Day, 25. Therm. 66. } Height at a
 The hottest Days, 7, 8. 80. } Med. 73 $\frac{12}{30}$.

On the 22th, Th. in the Shade 73, exposed to the Sun 96.

October

The first Ten Days in *October* were most-CHAP.
ly fair, clear, and calm and also the last I.
Week of the Month: All the interme-
diate Days were either wet, or windy and
overcast. 1748.

Rainy Days, 1 at Noon, .. 9 p.m. 10
p.m. .. and at Night, 11, 12 at
Night, 14, ... 15, .. 19, 20 at Night,
21 at Night, .. 22, 23 at Noon, 27
at Noon.

The coldest Days, 12, 13. Therm. 58. } Height at a
The hottest Day, 7. 72. } Med. 65 $\frac{1}{3}$.

Towards the Beginning and End of *No-*
vember the Weather was temperate and se-
rene. During the middle Part of the Month
it was frequently cloudy and cold with dry
North Winds.

Rainy Days, 8 at Noon, with Thun-
der and Lightning, and at Night, 11
a.m. 20, 22, 26.

The coldest Day, 23. Therm. 53. } Height at a
The hottest Days, 1, 2, 3. 66. } Med. 58 $\frac{3}{8}$.
In

CHAP. In *December* the Wind was either souther-
 I. ly or westerly: Hence the Weather was
 never cold; and though some Days were
 1748. foggy, yet by much the greatest Part of this
 Month was dry, clear, and very pleasant.

Rainy Days, 14 ... at Night, 21.

The coldest Days, 9 to 17. Th. 56. } Height at a
 The hottest Days, 27 to 31. 60. } Med. 57. $\frac{13}{31}$.

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So mild was the Weather in *January*,
 that it scarce seemed to be Winter. And the
 preceding Autumn having been uncommon-
 ly dry, and the Showers which fell during
 the three first Months of this Year, being
 neither frequent nor plentiful, the Corn in
 many Places perished for want of Rain.

Rainy Days, 4, a. m. 7 at Noon, and at
 Night, ... 18 p. m. 19 at Night, 20 at
 Noon.

The coldest Days, 6, 7. Therm. 53. } Height at a
 The hottest Days, 1, 2, 16, 17. 58. } Med. 55 $\frac{3}{31}$.

February

February was likewise mild and temperate; CHAP. I.
 the Mercury in the Thermometer fluctuating
 between the 54th and 57th Degree: A
 little Rain fell on the first Days, a heavy
 Shower on the 12th, flighter Showers on the
 22d and 23d; and during the rest of this
 Month the Air was clear and dry. 1749.

March was fair, warm, and without Rain,
 both towards the Beginning and latter End;
 the Thermometer standing above the 60th
 Degree. Between the 9th and 22d Day, fre-
 quent Storms of Rain, with some Hail inter-
 vened, which sunk the Mercury to the fifty
 second.

The Weather, during almost all *April*
 was mild, clear, and agreeable.

Rainy Days, 7 a. m. . . . and p. m. . . .
 10, p. m. . . . and at Night. . . .

The coldest Days, 8, 9.
 The hottest Day, 30.

Th. 56. } Height at a
 69. } Med. 62 $\frac{23}{30}$.

CHAP. In *May*, sudden heavy Rains sometimes
 I. interrupted the Serenity of the Weather, and
 at the Close of the Month, a strong westerly
 1749. Wind did much Damage to the Vineyards.
 The Harvest this Year was so poor and
 scanty, especially in the Northern Parts of
 the Island, where the Droughts were most
 excessive, that they scarcely reaped as much
 Corn as they had sown.

Rainy Days, 3 p. m. 11 at Noon, . . .
 12 at Noon, . . . 16, 19, 25 at Night, . . .
 31 at Night, . . . with Thunder and Light-
 ning.

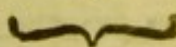
The coldest Day, 4.	Therm. 64.	} Height at a
The hottest Days, 24, 25.	73.	

During the Month of *June* the Air
 was dry and excessive hot, though some-
 what more temperate between the 14th
 and the 25th; frequent Gales coming from
 the North.

Rainy

Rainy Days, 15 p. m.

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The coldest Day, 1.	Therm. 69.	} Height at a 
The hottest Day, 30.	79.	

On the 29th, Th. in the Shade 76, exposed to the Sun 96.

The Weather has seldom been felt so extremely hot and sultry as this Year in *July*; the Quicksilver rising daily above the 80th Degree of the Thermometer, and never falling below the 79th, even in the Night-time, till the Rains which fell in the latter Part of the Month had cooled the Air.

Rainy Days, 25 at Noon, . . . 26,
p. m. . . .

The coldest Day, 26, 27.	Th. 77.	} Height at a
The hottest Day, 20.	86.	

On the 3d, Th. in the Shade 82, exposed to the Sun 102.

4th,	84,	100.
13th,	84,	104.
14th,	85,	104.

CHAP. In the Beginning of *August*, a general Relief
I. of all his Majesty's Troops in the Island,
1749. obliged me to embark for *Ireland*, and put
an End to these Observations.



A Table shewing the greatest, least, and mean Height of the Mercury at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, in each Month, from the Year 1744 to 1749.

		1744	1745.	1746.	1747.	1748.	1749.
January.	G		57	57	59	57	58
	L		43	48	50	43	53
	M		52	52 $\frac{23}{31}$	55 $\frac{4}{31}$	51 $\frac{15}{31}$	55 $\frac{3}{31}$
February.	G		61	57	62	60	57
	L		46	45	45	48	54
	M		55	51 $\frac{16}{28}$	55 $\frac{20}{28}$	55	
March.	G		63	60	63	63	64
	L		51	42	50	50	52
	M		59	54 $\frac{5}{31}$	54 $\frac{17}{31}$	55 $\frac{9}{31}$	
April.	G		65	68	68	65	69
	L		58	54	56	55	56
	M		61 $\frac{24}{30}$	59 $\frac{22}{30}$	61 $\frac{22}{30}$	61 $\frac{15}{30}$	62 $\frac{23}{30}$
May.	G		74	70	75	72	73
	L		62	64	67	61	64
	M		68 $\frac{8}{31}$	68 $\frac{3}{31}$	71	68 $\frac{7}{31}$	68 $\frac{1}{2}$
June.	G		82	79	80	80	79
	L		69	69	71	71	69
	M		73 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{12}{30}$	76	75 $\frac{28}{30}$	74 $\frac{6}{30}$
July.	G	80	80	87	84	84	86
	L	70	75	77	73	74	77
	M	76 $\frac{19}{31}$	77 $\frac{12}{31}$	80 $\frac{25}{31}$	79 $\frac{7}{31}$	79 $\frac{5}{31}$	82 $\frac{6}{31}$
August.	G	80	82	81	84	85	
	L	73	74	70	74	74	
	M	77 $\frac{2}{31}$	77 $\frac{25}{31}$	76 $\frac{15}{31}$	80 $\frac{4}{31}$	79 $\frac{4}{31}$	
September.	G	76	80	74	81	80	
	L	71	69	58	63	66	
	M	73 $\frac{2}{30}$	74 $\frac{12}{30}$	67 $\frac{7}{30}$	72 $\frac{22}{30}$	73 $\frac{21}{30}$	
October.	G	71	69	68	70	72	
	L	65	61	54	62	58	
	M	68 $\frac{5}{24}$	65 $\frac{20}{31}$	58 $\frac{31}{31}$	65 $\frac{21}{31}$	65 $\frac{11}{31}$	
November.	G	67	65	62	67	66	
	L	50	50	54	51	53	
	M	56	58 $\frac{6}{30}$	57 $\frac{17}{30}$	60 $\frac{12}{30}$	58 $\frac{3}{30}$	
December.	G	57	60	59	64	60	
	L	44	48	54	53	56	
	M	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	53 $\frac{10}{31}$	56	58 $\frac{19}{31}$	57 $\frac{13}{31}$	



CHAP. II.

Of the Rise, Progress, Declension, and Succession of the epidemical Diseases from the Year 1744 to 1749.

A. D. MDCCXLIV.

CHAP. II. **I**N the Beginning of the Year, few Diseases appeared, excepting some Pleurifies and tertian Fevers; both which are common in *Minorca*, and are frequently met with in all Seasons; the first being generally the chief amongst Vernal Epidemics, as the other is constantly amongst the Autumnal.

A. D. 1744.

During the cold Weather in *March*, many Adults were affected with Catarrhs; and almost all the Children were seized with a smart Fever attended by a Cough: Which

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Disorders did not cease, till the Beginning of CHAP.
Summer. II.

1744.

As the Summer and Autumnal Weather of one Year, never varies much from that of another, so the same Tribe of Distempers return regularly with the Seasons, and succeed each other in the following Order.

Towards the End of *June*, the young Children (who constantly suffer first by excessive Heat or Cold) are attacked with a Vomiting, Purging, and periodical Fever, often of the erratic Kind, without any fixed Type.

In the following Month, Tertian Fevers of various Forms appear among People of all Ages, and spreading from one to another, by Contagion *, they conti-

* These tertian Fevers have as good a Right to be called contagious, as the Measles, Small Pox, or any other Disease; for although in that Season, there certainly is a peculiar Disposition in the Air to affect Numbers in the same Way, yet those who are much conversant among the Sick are most liable to catch the Distemper.

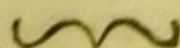
continue

CHAP. continue to increase daily till about the time
 II. of the Autumnal Equinox; when they rage
 1744. with the utmost Fury amongst Persons of
 all Ranks and Constitutions, whether Na-
 tives or Foreigners. Afterwards they gra-
 dually decline; and as soon as the Winter
 begins (their Contagion being rendered in-
 active by the Cold) few of those who have
 hitherto escaped are infected: yet some prima-
 ry Fevers continue to *January*, and Relapses
 are exceeding frequent, in the latter Months
 of the Year.

About the Time when the Tertians be-
 gin, the *Cholera Morbus*, Rash, and *Effere*,
 become frequent and epidemical in a lesser
 Degree: But are seldom met with after *Sep-*
tember, whilst the Tertians continue till
 Winter.

Diarrhæa's Dysenteries, and Tenesmus,
 likewise make their Appearance as Epide-
 micks, in Summer and Autumn: But some
 Years they occur so seldom, as scarce to
 deserve that Name; whilst in others they
 are

are almost as numerous as the Tertians themselves. CHAP. II.



1744.

There seems likewise to be a near Alliance, amongst all the Diseases above-mentioned. Those who have the Rash, or *Effere*, to a great Degree, are very liable to tertian Fevers; on the other hand, in the Paroxysms of Tertians, these cutaneous Eruptions are apt to break out. The *Cholera Morbus* sometimes hath its regular Periods, like a Tertian, as the Paroxysms of Tertians are frequently attended with a *Cholera*. Sometimes a Tertian is changed into a Dysentery; or a Dysentery becomes a Tertian; and when one of these Diseases is suppressed, the other often ensues; nor is it uncommon for Dysenterick Fevers to put on the Form of Tertians; and for the Fits of Tertians, to be regularly accompanied by Gripes and Stools.

It is remarkable, that both Dysenteries and Tertians, without any manifest Cause, are sometimes more universal and severe in
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CHAP. one Part of the Island in one Year, than
 II. another; and often seem, as it were, to
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 1744. attack particular Families with uncommon  
 Severity; whilst others in the same Place, the  
 same Circumstances and Way of Life, escape.  
 Those, however, who live in low Vallies  
 or near stagnating corrupted Waters are com-  
 monly the greatest Sufferers.

To me it appears probable, that all the  
 Summer and Autumnal Diseases are the  
 Consequence of Nature's attempting to free  
 the Body from noxious Humours, either by  
 throwing them upon the Skin, or by convey-  
 ing them through the Liver and other Organs  
 of Secretion which open into the Intestines.  
 And if with the Ancients, we allow distem-  
 pered Bile to be the Cause of tertian Fevers, it  
 will perhaps be easier to account for their more  
 obvious Appearances, than by supposing them  
 to arise from a Lentor in the smaller Arteries,  
 according to the modern Theory: But this  
 is transiently offered as a Conjecture; to re-  
 cord Facts without framing any Hypothesis,  
 being my principal Design.



In *July* 1744, tertian Fevers were nume- CHAP.  
rous; but during the two ensuing Months, II.  
they were neither so universal nor so malig-  
nant, as they commonly are at this Time of 1744.  
the Year: Yet obstinate Relapses were fre-  
quently met with till *January*.

A little before the Equinox, Dysenteries of a bad Kind began to appear; and being propagated by Contagion, like the tertian Fevers, they soon increased to such a Degree, that it was doubtful which of the two Distempers were most universal. This Year, in the Space of three Months I had more Patients with Bloody-Fluxes, than in all the former Part of my Life; and as no manifest Quality in the Air, or Variation in the Weather, seemed capable of producing them, it is probable that their uncommon Frequency and singular Severity was chiefly owing to the sour damaged Wine, which for the Sake of Gain, was at that Time sold in the Island by those whose Duty it was to have prevented such Abuses. But be this as it will, it is certain that  
incredible



CHAP. incredible Havock was made by these Dis-  
 II. tempers among the lower Sort of the Natives,  
 1744. as well as among the Soldiers and Sailors of  
 his Majesty's Fleet, which was then in the Har-  
 bour; the most Part of those who were attack-  
 ed died about the Winter Solstice or sooner; the  
 rest continued weak, lean, and pale, like so  
 many Shadows, during the Winter and Spring;  
 nor did any Method we could suggest, en-  
 tirely protect them from the Torments of  
 those painful Distempers, until the Heat of  
 the Summer, by increasing Perspiration, had  
 diminished the Tendency of the Humours  
 to the Intestines.

In *December* some were cut off by the  
 Pleurisy; and many worn out with Age, In-  
 temperance, or frequent Sickneſs, died about  
 the End of this Month and the Beginning of  
*January*.

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About the latter End of *January*, a mani-  
 fest Alteration to the better was perceptible  
 among the Sick. Those who had been re-



duced to the last Extremity, by repeated Relapses of Tertians, were now restored to their former Health: And such as were ill of Fluxes, and had been despaired of, began to shew Signs of Recovery: Nor did any new Distemper, excepting a few Pleurifies, appear during the Spring.

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II.  
1745.

Towards the End of *May*, and Beginning of *June*, heavy Rains having occasioned a sudden Change in the Air from Heat to Cold, some were attacked with a Looseness, Gripes, and Cholick Pains: And others with an *Angina*.

*June* was scarce ended, when the Tertian Fevers and *Cholera Morbus* began; and encreasing daily according to Custom, came to their greatest Degree of Frequency in *September*; from which Time they gradually declined, and seldom appeared after the Winter Solstice. These Distempers, it was observed, were this Year often attended with fixed Pains of the Side, and sometimes with a Spitting of Blood.

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CHAP. In *July* and *August* a slight Jaundice,  
 II. without a Fever, which soon yielded to Pur-  
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 1745. gatives, and saponaceous Medicines, was a  
 common Distemper.

In *September*, Dysenteries broke out, and continued to the Winter: But they were neither so numerous nor so malignant as in the preceding Year.

As the Dysenteries and tertian Fevers disappeared, the Pleurisy, which had been fatal to a few in the Autumn, became more frequent; and towards the Close of the Year, it raged more violently than I had ever known, at least among the *English* Inhabitants of the Island.

#### *A. D. MDCCXLVI.*

I come now to a Year remarkable for dreadful Distempers and much Mortality. For the Pleurisy above-mentioned continued to make great Destruction till *April*: At which Time it began to abate; and



and vanished entirely about the Summer Sol-  
 ftice. Together with the Pleurisy, two  
 other Diseases equally fatal, the *Phrenitis*  
 and *Paraphrenitis*, were also epidemical:  
 And so likewise was an Erysipelatous Fe-  
 ver. A few had large Tumors of the Pa-  
 rotids; and others had Inflammations of  
 the Throat. But these Diseases were pe-  
 culiar to Adults. Amongst the Children,  
 obstinate, and often fatal Chin-coughs, be-  
 came frequent in *March*, and continued till  
 Summer: Some were suddenly suffocated  
 by an *Angina*, without any apparent Swel-  
 ling: And to compleat the Measure of  
 Evils, the Island was this Year visited with  
 the Small Pox, and of the most pestilential  
 Kind.

The Chin-cough had no sooner disap-  
 peared than a periodical Fever, accompanied  
 with vomiting and purging, took its Place,  
 which proved alike fatal to many Children  
 during the Summer.



CHAP. In *July* the tertian Fevers broke out as  
 II. usual, and their Violence being augmented  
 1746. by the excessive Heat of the Season, many  
 Persons died suddenly about the seventh  
 Day of the Distemper: But the cold Wea-  
 ther of *September* prevented their becoming  
 so general and continuing so long as they  
 commonly do; for about the End of *Octo-  
 ber* they gave way to Catarrhs and quartan  
 Agues.

A. D. MDCCXLVII.

The first Part of this Year, though not  
 very unhealthy, produced some few Inter-  
 mittents, together with inflammatory and ca-  
 tarrhal Fevers. And the extraordinary Heat  
 of *May* ushered in the Summer Diseases  
 somewhat sooner than usual. For about the  
 End of that Month the *Cholera Morbus*  
 carried off many Children, and in *June* the  
 Tertians became universal. Besides, towards  
 the End of *June*, the Diarrhæa, Dysentery,  
 and Tenesmus broke out and raged violently  
 for some Weeks: But contrary to Expecta-  
 tion,



tion, they continued only a short Time, and CHAP.  
after the Beginning of *September*, could II.  
scarcely be reckoned epidemical.

1747.

In the mean while as the Dysenteries decreased, the number of Tertians were multiplied, and being of a malignant Kind, great Mortality ensued; especially in the Southern Parts of the Island. General WYNYARD's Regiment which was quartered in *Mabon*, was so severely handled by these Fevers, that between *June* and *November* One and Forty Men died; and the most Part of those who survived, continued weak, sickly, and ill-coloured till the Spring.

In *October* a few complained of Coughs, and sore Throats: And the latter end of the Year produced Pleurisies; which (as it commonly happens) did not affect the *English* so much as the *Spaniards*.



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## II.

A. D. MDCCXLVIII.

1748. Pleurifies were exceedingly mortal in the Beginning of the Year, and carried off divers in the Spring.

In *March* many erisipelatous Phlegmons were observed to break out on the Extremities, which generally terminated in Abscesses.

Towards the Beginning of *April*, some complained of sore Throats and rheumatick Pains. And about the 10th Day of the Month there appeared suddenly a catarrhal Fever, which for three Weeks raged so universally, that almost every body in the Island was seized with it. This Disease exactly resembled that which was so epidemical in the Year 1733 \*. For in most Part of the Sick, the Feverish Symptoms went off with a plentiful Sweat in two or three Days; while the Cough and Expectoration continued sometime longer. In

\* Med. Essays, Vol. ii. Art. 2.



a few athletick Persons, who were not CHAP.  
 blooded in Time, it terminated in a fatal II.  
 Pleurisy or Phrensy. In one or two, the  
 Vessels on the Coats of the Intestines burst, 1748.  
 and the Patients expired after voiding an in-  
 credible Quantity of Blood by the *Anus*.

The ensuing Summer proved very un-  
 healthy to the Children; many of them  
 dying of the *Cholera Morbus* and periodical  
 Fevers; whilst others were much affected  
 with cutaneous Eruptions of different Sorts.

The Tertians began in *July*, and fi-  
 nished their annual Career about the End  
 of *November*; many Persons died suddenly  
 during the Dog Days, and about the Equi-  
 nox.

In the mean Time Dysenteries prevailed  
 in *Ciudadella* among the lower Sort of the  
 Natives whose Bread was made of damaged  
 Wheat, without affecting the Soldiers and  
 others in the same Town who lived on bet-  
 ter Provisions.



CHAP. From the End of *November* to the Middle of *January*, Pleurifies were predominant in all Parts of the Island; and large critical Abscesses, together with various Kinds of cutaneous Eruptions, were more frequent both among the *English* and *Spaniards* than had ever been observed.

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### A. D. MDCCXLIX.

That Part of this Year, during which I resided in *Minorca*, was remarkable for dry Weather and few Distempers. However, in *March* Pleurisy and catarrhal Fevers now and then appeared; in *April* some had *Anginas* with *Aphthæ* in the Mouth, and spontaneous Salivations; others complained of Pains in the Ears, and Eruptions on the Face. In *June* and *July* there were some Specimens of the Summer's Diseases, but so few that they scarcely deserve to be called epidemical.

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### CHAP. III.

#### Of TERTIAN FEVERS.

HAVING described the State of the Weather, and the Succession of the epidemical Diseases, I come now to treat particularly of each, beginning with *Tertian Fevers*, which are, by much, the most frequent of any.

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III.

These Fevers never proceed uniformly, with constant uninterrupted Violence from their first Beginning to their final Termination; but, sooner or later, have periodical Intervals, more or less evident, so that the Patient is by Turns one Day better and another worse. They are called *Tertians*, or Fevers of the Tertian Kind, because each particular Period or Revolution of the Disease, (which the *Romans* expressed by the Word *Circuitus*) is compleated in the Space



CHAP. of about Forty-eight Hours ; and a new At-  
III. tack is begun on the alternate Days, or every  
third Day, if we include the Day on which  
the genuine Paroxysms happen, together  
with the intermediate one, according to the  
common Method of Reckoning, used by Phy-  
sicians.

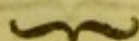
The Fevers belonging to this Tribe assume  
so many, and such various Shapes, that tho'  
they are essentially the same, yet their Ap-  
pearance is often very different ; insomuch  
that when I reflect on the several Species I  
have seen, I almost despair of being able to  
give the Reader any tolerable Idea of them.  
Nevertheless, as it is of such Importance  
to be acquainted with the specifick Proper-  
ties of each, that without an exact Know-  
ledge of them, we can neither foretell the Re-  
turn of the Fits or Intervalls, nor conse-  
quently administer Food or Medicines at the  
most convenient Hours ; I flatter myself it  
will not be thought unnecessary to dwell a  
little on this Subject, and endeavour to de-  
scribe the particular Types and Forms, in  
which



which the various Kinds of Tertians appear, especially as no Author who has fallen into my Hands, is sufficiently clear and accurate on this Head. For these Distempers are slightly past over by most of the Moderns; and although the *Greeks* and *Arabs* have treated of them at great Length, yet in their voluminous Writings we do not find them described as they really are, but as they would be, if GALEN's Theory of the Four Humors was well grounded; their Distinctions being deduced from different Mixtures of Bile and *Pituita*, which they assign as the Cause of Tertians; and having once laid it down as an Axiom, that each Species arises from a particular Humor, which must produce such and such Effects, they ascribe Symptoms to the Fever, from a preconceived Hypothesis, which seldom or never accompany it in reality\*.

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III.



Wherefore, in order to avoid the like Mistakes, I shall leave the Reader to form what Idea of the Causes of these Fevers he thinks

\* Vid. Simon Simon. apud Sennert. tom. ii. lib. ii. c. xvii,



CHAP. fit, and endeavour to shew as distinctly as I can,

III. First, the Differences which arise amongst them from the different Types or Forms of their Periods. Secondly, the Distinctions occasioned by the most obvious Symptoms of their Paroxysms; and Thirdly, I shall describe the various Appearance of the more frequent epidemical Tertians in their Rise, Progress, and Termination, with as much Exactness, as their own irregular Anomalous Disposition will permit.

But it may not be improper, in the first Place, to apprize the Reader, that I have used the Appellations commonly given to the various Fevers of this Class, in a Manner somewhat different from several who have wrote upon this Subject, tho' not without explaining as clearly as I could in what Sense I would be understood: And indeed whoever consults these Writers, will find that some of them so limited their Definitions as to make it doubtful if ever any Disease existed to which the Name was applicable; whilst others apply their Terms in so loose and  
vague



vague a Signification, as to include several CHAP.  
Species, which ought to be distinguished, in III.  
order to understand their History and Cure \*.

It may likewise be necessary to inform those, who are not much conversant with the Hippocratical Writings, that by the *odd Days* are meant the 1, 3, 5, 7, &c. by the even Days the 2, 4, 6, 8, &c. and that however singular such a Distinction may appear in a Country where no such uniform Diversity is observable, yet it will be found next to impossible to give a tolerable Idea of the Diseases in that Climate without the Assistance of this Distinction.

In this Treatise, Tertian Fevers are called *simple* when there is but one Fit and one

\* For Instance, if we look into several of the Galenical Writers, we shall find, that in order to constitute the *Tertiana pura* or *exquisita*, and some Kinds of the *Semitertiana*, a Number of different Circumstances are required, which seldom or never concur in the same Patient: On the other hand, SPIGELIUS who wrote a particular Treatise *De Semitertiana*, has extended the Meaning of that Denomination so far, that it includes almost every Species of the Tertian Tribe.

Interval



CHAP. Interval, during each Period of the Distemper.  
III. When the Paroxysms do not exceed twelve Hours they are named *true Tertians*; when they continue longer, they are called *Spurious*. In the *true* simple Tertian, the Fit, for the most Part, comes on in the Middle of the Day, and goes off the same Evening. In the *spurious* simple Tertian it comes on much earlier and often lasts above eighteen Hours.

They are called *double Tertians*, when there are two Fits and two Intervals within the Time of each Period. But commonly there is some Difference between the two Fits, either in respect to the Hour they come at, the Time of their Duration, or the Nature and Violence of their Concomitant Symptoms; whilst at the same Time the third Paroxysm of the Disease resembles the First, the Fourth agrees with the Second, the Fifth with the Third, and so on.

Some double Tertians begin in this Manner: On the Evening of *Monday*, for Example,

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ple, a slight fit comes on, and goes off early CHAP.  
next Morning : But on *Tuesday* towards the III.  
Middle of the Day, a more severe Paroxysm  
begins and continues till Night. Then there  
is an Interval to *Wednesday* Evening ; when  
a slight Fit commences a new Period of the  
Fever, which proceeds in the same Manner  
as the first ; so that (according to the Way  
Physicians calculate the Days of Diseases by  
beginning to reckon from the first Hour of  
their Invasion) both Paroxysms happen on  
the odd Days, while the greatest Part of the  
even Days is calm and undisturbed.

But in most double Tertians, the Patient  
has a Fit every Day of the Disease ; the se-  
vere one commonly appearing at Noon on  
the odd Days ; the slight one towards Evening  
on the even Days ; tho' sometimes the worst  
of the two Fits happen on the even Days.

Double Tertians, if their Fits do not ex-  
ceed twelve Hours, are named *True* ; if they  
are somewhat more protracted, they are cal-  
led *spurious* ; and if the Fits are so far pro-  
another



CHAP.tracted, that one is scarce ended when another begins, they are called Subintrans.

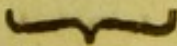
III.

There is a Tertian Fever sometimes to be met with, during each Period of which, there are three different Fits, and as many Intervals. For Example, towards *Monday* Noon the Patient is seized with a Paroxysm, which declines about five or six o'Clock the same Evening : A few Hours after, another Fit begins and continues until Morning ; from which Time there is an Interval to *Tuesday* Evening, when a third Fit comes on, and lasts most Part of the Night. On *Wednesday* there are again two Proxysms, as on *Monday*, and one on *Thursday* like that of *Tuesday* ; and thus the Fever goes on, with a double Fit on each of the odd Days, and a single Fit on the even Days.

This uncommon Kind of Tertian is the true Semitertian of HOFFMAN\* and some others : But I shall call it a *triple Tertian*, in order

\* Med. Rat. tom. iv. § i. c. v.



to distinguish it from another very common CHAP.  
Fever which proceeds in the following man- III.  
ner. 

A Fit begins on *Monday* Noon, for Example, and goes off the same Night. On *Tuesday* Afternoon a second Fit comes on, and gradually increases till *Wednesday* Night, when it terminates. On *Thursday* Morning there is such another Interval as happened on *Tuesday* Morning: But on *Thursday* Afternoon another long Fit, like the preceding, commences, and returning regularly every other Day, leaves only a short Interval of ten or twelve Hours during the Eight and Forty. This Fever I shall call, with CEL-  
SUS \* and AGATHINUS †, a *Semitertian*.

But the various Kinds of Tertians hitherto mentioned, differ among themselves, according as their periodical Intervals are more or less tranquil and free from Disturbance. When there is a compleat Apyrexia or entire

\* CEL. lib. ii. c. iii.

† Apud Galen de Febr. Different. lib. ii. c. ii.



CHAP. Vacation of Fever between the Fits, they  
 III. are called Intermittents; when the Apyrexies  
 ~ are more imperfect and obscure, Remittents;  
 and continual Tertians, when the Paroxysms  
 and their Intervals are less perceptible, tho'  
 the Violence of the Symptoms is somewhat  
 abated on the alternate Days. In double  
 Tertians that Interval is the most considerable  
 which follows the severe Fit; for the slight  
 Fit oftener ends in a Remission, than Inter-  
 mission, and frequently lingers till the other  
 approaches: Hence it is that the Night pre-  
 ceding the vehement Fit is much more rest-  
 less, than that which comes after it, as  
 has been observed by HIPPOCRATES\*.

These are the Differences of Tertian Fe-  
 vers, which proceed from the Types of the  
 Periods. But in some, each Period is com-  
 pleted in a few Hours less than eight and  
 Forty; in others, in a few Hours more: The  
 former are therefore called anticipating, the  
 latter postponing Tertians. In double Tertians  
 the vehement Fit often comes on a little

\* Morb. Vulg. l. vi. § 2.



earlier in each Period, while the slight Fit returns at the same Hour, or perhaps later and later every other Day: So that the Motions of one have no Influence on those of the other; from whence it appears, that each of these Fits hath its own proper independent Cause.

With Regard to the Types of the Periods, and the Time of their Duration, this may be sufficient. I come now to the Differences of Tertian Fevers formed by the Symptoms attending their Paroxysms.

Many Authors, (and HOFFMAN in particular \*) have carefully enumerated the *Phænomena* of the Fits in regular distinct Tertians, according to the Order in which they succeed: But so far are the Paroxysms of the epidemical Fevers, which are the Subject of our Discourse, from having constantly one and the same Appearance, that no two Distempers can differ more than they,

\* Med. rat. tom. iv. § i. c. ii.



CHAP. often seem to do from one another. In  
III. both simple and double Tertians, as well  
as Semitertians, they often begin with a  
flight Shivering; sometimes without any  
Sense of Cold; and frequently while the  
Patient complains of Cold, his Skin is actu-  
ally warmer than in a natural State. In some  
a most intense Degree of Heat is brought  
on; in others it is moderate. In a few they  
terminate by Stool or Urine rather than by  
Sweat: Sometimes they are so complicated  
with fixed Pains of the Head, Breast, Belly,  
Back, or Limbs, as to personate with great  
Exactness, a Phrensy, Pletirisy, *Hepatitis*,  
*Lumbago*, or Rheumatism; especially if the  
Apyrexies are obscure or imperfect. Some-  
times one or two Symptoms of the Fit pre-  
dominate with such Violence that the rest  
are obscured or altogether eclipsed. Hence  
we so frequently meet with *Hemicrania's*  
*Choleras*, *Dysenteries*, and *Chin-coughs*, re-  
turning regularly at stated Periods: And fe-  
veral Fevers of this Class, upon Account of  
some predominant Symptom, have had par-  
ticular Names bestowed upon them: For  
Example,



Example, when the Cold, which ushers in CHAP.  
 the Fits, continues longer than ordinary, and III.  
 is so very intense that the Surface of the Body  
 is chilled, whilst a burning Heat is felt in  
 the Bowels, the Fever is called *Lipyria*. When  
 the Anxiety and dejection of Mind, which  
 commonly happens in the first Stage of the  
 Paroxysm, is so far augmented, as to dege-  
 nerate into an absolute Fainting, the Disease  
 is termed *Febris Syncopalis*. When exquisite  
 Pain and burning Heat in the Bowels, ren-  
 ders the Patient restless, and incapable of  
 continuing many Moments in the same Pos-  
 ture, *Assodes* is the Name appropriated to the  
 Fever. And it is called *Elodes*, when the  
 Skin is constantly covered with Sweat; either  
 from the *Viscera* being inflamed, or from a ge-  
 neral Dissolution of the Blood\*. For although  
 in the Course of these malignant Fevers it  
 often happens that you can neither distinguish  
 Paroxysms nor Intervals, yet it is evident that

\* Atque hoc in totum de sudoribus animadvertere oportet, quod nonnulli quidem ex corporis dissolutione, quidem ex inflammationis vehementia contingant.

HIPPOCRAT. *Prænot.* lib.



CHAP. they belong to the Tertian Tribe, since, for  
 III. the most Part, in their Beginning the Pe-  
riods are sufficiently distinct; and as soon as  
that Violence of the Symptoms which occa-  
sioned the Confusion in the Height of the  
Distemper abates, they again become more  
regular, and assume either their former or  
analogous Types \*.

Whoever rightly comprehends what I have already said on Tertian Fevers, will easily see that it would be endless to reckon up the different Species, into which they might be divided, and to ascribe peculiar Names to each. Yet there is another Circumstance which renders this Subject still more perplexing. For such is the variable Disposition of these Diseases, that they often change from one Appearance to another, and seldom retain the same Form from their Beginning

\* *Febris Syncopalis minuta subtilis, est febris acuta faciens cadere pulsum & virtutem in paroxysmo uno aut duobus paroxysmis, cum additione dissolutionis accidente in corpore cum velocitate.—Plures paroxysmi hujus febris, sunt paroxysmi tertianæ.*

AVICEN. *de Feb. c. liii.*




to their Termination ; each Period sometimes CHAP.  
assuming a new Type ; and every Paroxysm III.  
being attended with different Symptoms. ~~~~~

This led me at first to apprehend that they were confused, anomalous, and altogether without Order : But after being for some Time acquainted with them, I began to discover their Regularity ; and the longer I was conversant among the Sick, the more I was surprized at the Constancy of Nature in the Production and Progress of Tertian Fevers ; their Periods being perfectly similar in the *Spaniards* and in the *English* ; and sometimes not very different in him who lies upon the bare Ground, destitute of Assistance, and those who are treated in the most judicious Methods, under every Advantage of Fortune : and frequently neither the Patients Intemperance, nor unskilful Management, can alter their stated Course, and prevent their terminating in Recovery. So much are those mistaken, who imagine that the Bent of Nature in acute Diseases can be altered or controuled by every trifling Accident or insignificant Prescription.



CHAP. The most Part of these Fevers make their  
III. first Appearance, in the Shape of a true  
~~~~~ simple, or double intermittent Tertian. The  
cold Fit seldom lasts above an Hour or two;
and as it goes off, some bilious Matter is com-
monly discharged by Vomit or Stool. Then
follows an intense Heat over the whole Body,
which raises the Mercury in the Thermome-
ter to the 103d or 104th Degree: And last-
ly, a profuse Sweat puts an End to the Pa-
roxyfm. The Apyrexia is tolerably com-
pleat, though for the most Part the Patient
complains of a disagreeable Taste, Loss of
Appetite, Head-ach and Pain in the small
of his Back, and Pit of his Stomach upon a
full Inspiration. The Pulse during the Inter-
mission is almost natural: In the Fits it varies
according to their predominant Symptoms:
When they are attended by acute Pains in the
Præcordia, it becomes small and obscure, so
as to indicate greater Weakness than there
really is: On the other hand, when drowsy
lethargick Symptoms come on, it often re-
sembles that of a Person in full Health, though
the

the Sick is in the utmost Danger. The CHAP.
Urine whether made in the Time of the Pa- III.
roxyfm or Interval, is always clear, frothy, 
and of a deep red Colour, without any Se-
paration. Blood drawn from a Vein is most
commonly florid like Scarlet, without any
fizy Crust: The *Serum* is sometimes tinged
with yellow, but oftner red like the *Lotura*
Carnium and in great Quantity. Sometimes
the *Serum* and *Crassamentum* remain united in
a lax gelatinous Mass.

As the Fever advances to its Height, the
Coldness and Shivering which usher in the
Paroxysms become less, or intirely imper-
ceptible: In which Case a *Cholera Morbus*, or
acute Pains in the Back or Limbs often supply
their Place: frequently the Shiverings are
intermixed with Flushings of Heat. In the
mean time, the Paroxysms themselves be-
come longer, and bring on more formi-
dable Symptoms; such as Head-achs, Ra-
ving, *Sopors*, Apoplectick Fits, Bleeding at
the Nose, Cough, Difficulty of Breathing,
Palpitation of the Heart, Irregularity of the
L 4 Pulse,

CHAP. Pulse, Sickness and Anxiety, Pain about the
 III. upper Orifice of the Stomach, Vomiting and
 ~~~~~ Purging; Heat, tension, Pain, and Pulsation  
 in the abdominal *Viscera*: *Subsultus Ten-*  
*dinum*, and an infinite Variety of other  
 Complaints, which do not intirely cease  
 with the Sweat, that carries off the Pa-  
 roxyfm; so that the Apyrexia is not only  
 shortened but rendered more obscure.

Besides, it often happens, during the se-  
 cond, third, fourth, or fifth Period, that the  
 Tertian becomes double, though at first it  
 was simple: Or if it was double from the  
 Beginning, the weaker Fit continues, with-  
 out any Intermission, till the stronger comes  
 on, and both being blended together, the  
 Disease puts on the Appearance of a Semi-  
 tertian, having one very long Fit, with a  
 short Interval every Forty-eight Hours.  
 Sometimes a double Tertian degenerates into  
 a triple Tertian, two Fits instead of one hap-  
 pening on the odd Days.

It



It must likewise be observed, that in the Progress of the Fever, the regular Order of the Periods is frequently disturbed, by the Paroxysms changing their Hour of Invasion, and attacking unawares without any previous Cold. Nor are anticipating Fits always a bad Sign, or those which postpone a good one, as some Authors insinuate; on the contrary, the first frequently shew the Strength of Nature, as the others do her Weakness.

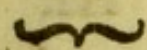
After this Manner these proteiform Distempers continue to vary their Shape in every Period, and to produce longer, more severe, or more frequent Paroxysms, till they arrive at their Height; about which Time the Fits and Intervals are often so confused, that they are scarcely to be distinguished: Nevertheless, if Death be not speedily the Consequence of this Confusion, they commonly again put on a more simple or regular Form, and after one or more slight Paroxysms, go away of their own Accord,

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## CHAP.

## III.



Those Fevers which come to their Height in the third Period, terminate in the fourth or fifth Period. Those which come to their Height in the fourth Period, terminate in the fifth or sixth. And those which come to their Height in the fifth, terminate in the sixth or seventh. When the most vehement Paroxysms happen on the odd Days, the *Crises* will be on the odd Days: When they happen on the even Days, the great Changes of the Distemper will likewise be on the even Days.

If the Fever increases to the seventh Period, it probably will not cease before the Ninth: But it rarely happens that intermitting or remitting Tertians run out to so great a Length. Yet I have seen every Year a few of the continual Kind, which began with great Mildness, and increasing by slow Degrees, broke out violently in the third or fourth Week, and soon after ended in Intermittents; though some of them have continued without any considerable Interval for six or seven Weeks.



Weeks. HIPPOCRATES \* has accurately described such continual Tertians, and tells us they are apt to terminate in Dyfenteries, Lienteries, and Tenesmus, which we find in fact to be too often the Case. CHAP. III.

But it is much more common to meet with Tertians, which set out furiously, with severe subintrant double Paroxysms; so that for some Days, they have little or no Interval. On the third or fifth Day a profuse Sweat commonly brings on an Intermision; and afterwards the Disease assumes the Type of a double intermitting Tertian, or of a Semitertian. Such Fevers I have fre-

\* The other Fevers were altogether of the continual Kind without any Intermisions; and the Paroxysms in all like the Semitertians, one Day better another worse. And of all the Fevers that then reigned, these were the most vehement, tedious, and painful, beginning very mildly, but increasing always, growing worse and worse on the critical Days. After a little Abatement they soon grew bad again, had stronger Fits on the critical Days, and for the most Part worse: Shiverings were universally irregular and uncertain, seldom and very little in these, but more in other Fevers; Sweats were common, but here least of all; and so far from easing the Patient, that on the contrary, they did him harm.—The Belly in all was disturbed, and in a bad Manner, but worst of all by much in these, &c. &c.

CLIFTON'S HIPPOCRAT. p. 57, 58.  
quently



CHAP. quently observed to terminate spontaneously  
III. on the seventh, ninth, and eleventh Days,  
and for the most Part, they are less to be  
feared than those which begin deceitfully in  
the Shape of a slight double or simple Ter-  
tian.

For however mild and insignificant these Intermittents may at first seem to be, we are never to trust Appearances, till they have performed three or four Revolutions. Then indeed, if the Paroxysms are not attended with acute Pains in the *Viscera*, and do not last above twelve Hours; if they decline with plentiful warm Sweats, and leave the Intervals tolerably free; if the Patient bears the Distemper well, and begins to have an Appetite for Victuals; If small Pustles break out in the Inside of the Mouth, or scabs about the Lips \*; If the Urine has recovered its natural Complexion, or is cloudy and turbid, or lets

\* It is to be observed, that these are only to be looked upon as a good Sign, when they come in the Declension of the Disease, attended with other Signs of Concoction; for if they break out in the Beginning, they prognosticate a dangerous or a tedious Illness.



fall a white or a pale red Sediment; I say CHAP.  
if all these Signs concur, about the third or III.  
fourth Period, we may safely prognosticate  
a speedy Recovery.

On the other hand, it denounces Danger, when, about this Time of the Disease, the Paroxysms are long and protracted; or are accompanied with an obstinate *Delirium*, an intense *Coma*, great Anxiety, and Pain in the Loins, or about the upper Orifice of the Stomach; when the Patient has an utter Aversion to Food, and even in the Intervals is so feeble, and attended with such a swimming in the Head, that he can scarcely walk about; when the *Hypocondria* and epigastrick Region, are swelled, hard, and painful to the Touch; when numerous Blotches, like the stinging of Nettles, frequently break out on the Skin; when the Urine continues thin, clear, high-coloured, or covered with an Ash-coloured Membrane like a Cobweb; and lastly it denounces Danger, when larger Evacuations come on than the Strength can well bear, such as Vomiting, Purging, Bleeding

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CHAP. ing of the Nose, Colliquative Sweats, or the  
 III. like. For Fevers with these Appearances,  
 sometimes are immediately changed into mortal Dysenteries; sometimes they become continual Tertians and run out to a great Length; but, for the most Part, they preserve the Form of remitting or intermitting \* Fevers, and

\* In this and some other Parts of this Treatise, it is inculcated that the Danger in Tertian Fevers, is rather to be estimated from the Symptoms of the Paroxysms, than the Length and Serenity of the Intermiſſions: On which Subject as FRANCISCUS TORTI has expressed himself with great Clearness, I shall here add a few Remarks, from his *Therapeutice Specialis*, a valuable Work, which I never had the good Fortune to meet with till very lately. He tells us, that periodical Fevers, and principally double or simple Tertians become malignant, either when they degenerate into continual acute Fevers, or when they still retain their Intermiſſions, but are accompanied with one or other of the following Symptoms; which commonly proves fatal in the second or third Fit, after its appearing in the formidable Manner he describes:

1. A Vomiting or Looseness, like a *Cholera Morbus* or Dysentery.
2. A Looseness which often resembles the *Fluxus Hepaticus*, and sometimes a purging of *Atrabilis*.
3. A *Cardialgia*.
4. Cold Sweats.
5. A *Syncope*.
6. A constant Coldness, neither succeeded by Heat nor Sweat.
7. A lethargick Disposition, little different from an Apoplexy.

Hence he makes so many different Species of malignant Intermittents, and names them from the predominant Symptoms of the Fit.

1. *Febris Cholericæ*



and daily growing stronger, prove very dan- CHAP.  
gerous about the sixth or seventh Period; III.  
and though the Patient may escape, after a  
great Struggle, by means of some critical  
Discharge, such as Purging, Sweating, Pa-  
rotids, or Abscesses near the Hip; yet his  
Constitution is commonly so shattered, that  
he long continues exposed to irregular Pa-

*Cholerica* seu *Dysenterica*. 2. *Subcruenta* seu *Atrabili-*  
*laris*. 3. *Cardiaca*. 4. *Diaphoretica*. 5. *Syncopalis*.  
6. *Algida*. 7. *Lethargica*. He describes, with great  
Accuracy, the Manner in which each Species occasions  
Death; and takes Notice that in the six Species first men-  
tioned, the Pulse is constantly small, feeble, and greatly  
depressed, whereas in the Seventh it is rather full,  
strong, and slow, (as in an Apoplexy) than weak and  
quick. This which he calls the *Lethargica*, is ex-  
tremely common in *Minorca*; the *Cardiaca* and *Cho-*  
*lerica* are likewise frequent; and all the rest are now  
and then to be met with, excepting perhaps the *Sub-*  
*cruenta* which I never took Notice of. Our Author  
likewise remarks, that it is not unusual for some  
of the abovementioned Symptoms to attend continual  
periodical Fevers, though seldom in so great a Degree  
of Violence as in the Intermittents. And he observes,  
that intermittent Quartans rarely kill in the Fit, as  
Tertians do, but often prove fatal by becoming conti-  
nual Fevers. The whole Work deserves to be care-  
fully perused, but particularly the first Chapter of the  
third Book, from which the above Remarks are col-  
lected, with a View to raise, rather than gratify, the  
Reader's Curiosity.



CHAP. roxysms, Night Sweats, Fluxes, Obstructions  
 III. of the *Chylopoetick Viscera*, and every Kind  
 of chronick Distemper.

Those Fevers are most to be dreaded, whose Violence is greatest on the even Days; and if the Paroxysm stops on the third, fifth, or seventh Day, but continues on the fourth, sixth, or eighth Day, we must be upon our Guard, least a sudden Storm should succeed this treacherous Intermission \*.

But

\* I inserted this Caution, having seen a few double Tertians change into simple Tertians, by the Fits intermitting on the odd Day, and nevertheless prove fatal soon afterwards; which is a Case I had not found so much as hinted at in any Author except HIPPOCRATES, who tells us in the *Prænot. Coac. Quibus tertio die subsistit accessio et quarto ingravescit malum*. Yet from the following Passage in TORTI, I imagine that experienced Physician must have met with Accidents of the same Kind. *Suspecta itaque ab exordio erit ne in continuam degeneret, intermittens, quæ cum paucis aut nullo rigore solet invadere, sed potius cum sensu caloris*. Item quæ primo die leviusculam (dum modo tamen vere febrilem) infert accessionem; altero vero die (non altera periodo) fortiolem, et sic progrediendo motum servat graviolem per dies pares, loquendo per modum exempli, de tertiana duplici ab ortu. Quod si eadem sic orta in simplicem statim mutetur, etsi hoc laudabile sit, tamen non desinit esse suspectum



But the utmost Danger is to be apprehended, if a few Drops of Blood fall from the nose : If black Matter like the Grounds of Coffee, is discharged upwards or downwards : if the Urine is of a dark Hue and a strong offensive Smell : If the whole Skin is tinged with a deep yellow, or any where discoloured with livid Spots or Suffusions\* ; If a cadaverous Smell is perceptible about the Patient's bed : If in the time of the Fit he continues cold and chilly, without being able to recover Heat ; or if he becomes extremely hot, speechless, and stupid ; has frequent Sighs, Groans, or Hiccups ; and lies constantly on his Back, with a ghastly countenance, his Eyes half shut, his Mouth open, his Belly swelled to an enormous Size, with an obstinate Costiveness, or an involuntary Discharge of the Excrements : Which for-

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*suspectum, si primam accessionem validam, debilis, ut supra, immediate præcessit : potest enim facile ille typus mutari qui ordine inverso potuit incipere.*

Therap. Special. l. iii. c. i.

\* The English in Minorca are more liable than the Natives to become yellow in these Fevers.

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CHAP. midable Symptoms, as they seldom appear  
 III. before the third Revolution of the Disease, so  
 they frequently come on, both in double and  
 simple Intermittents, during the fourth, fifth,  
 or sixth Period, even where the smallest  
 Danger was not foreseen: But at whatever  
 Time the greatest Part of them concur,  
 they afford a melancholy Prognostick: For  
 notwithstanding they sometimes go entirely  
 off with the Paroxysm, and the Patient seems  
 to be left in a fair Way of Recovery, yet  
 most commonly they return in the next Pe-  
 riod with double Violence, and terminate in  
 sudden Death. Agreeable to this HIPPO-  
 CRATES tells us, “ In the Summer Inter-  
 “ mittent Fevers and the *Cholera Morbus*  
 “ prevail; and as they sometimes degenerate  
 “ into malignant acute Diseases, we should  
 “ be upon our Guard; the fifth, seventh,  
 “ and ninth Days point out the Danger; but  
 “ we must be cautious to the fourteenth \*.”  
 For the fifth Day, if the bad Symptoms just  
 now mentioned, appear on it, will indicate

\* De Morb. Popular. l. vii.



Death on the seventh. In the same manner CHAP. III.  
 the seventh will indicate the ninth, and the  
 ninth the eleventh to be fatal, provided the  
 Paroxysms are aggravated on the odd Days;  
 for if they are most vehement on the even  
 Days, one of these Days will prove indica-  
 tory as well as critical. Hence we find GA-  
 LEN \* lays down as a general Rule, that  
 those who grow remarkably worse on the  
 fourth Day die on the sixth; and with equal  
 Justice he might have said the same Thing  
 of the sixth Day, with regard to the  
 eighth, and of the eighth, with respect to the  
 tenth.

Nor is there only a Possibility, in many Cases,  
 of foretelling the Day, but likewise the Hour on  
 which the Patient will expire; for that Stage  
 of the Paroxysm, which he usually got over  
 with most Difficulty, will most probably in the  
 End prove fatal, as GALEN † has also re-

\* Etenim qui in quarto ad pejorem statum recidunt,  
 plerumque sexto moriuntur.

*De Dieb. decret. l. i. cap. iv.*

† *De Crisib. l. iii. c. x.*



CHAP. marked. I have seen some expire in what  
III. may called the first Stage of the Paroxysm ;  
~ their Skin being chilled and wet with cold  
Sweats, their Pulse small and irregular, and  
their Senses entire to the very last : But  
the greatest Numbers are hurried off in the  
Height of the hot Fit, stupified, senseless,  
the breathing short and laborious, and the  
Skin covered with a burning fiery Sweat.

In the mean time, it is to be remembered  
that as in all acute Diseases, so particularly in  
these fraudulent deceitful Fevers, the Presages  
either of Death or Recovery, are not always  
certain and infallible ; it frequently hap-  
pening, that those who have laid in the Pa-  
roxysm for Hours together with few or no  
Signs of Life, have at length recovered, as  
it were from the Jaws of Death, and asked  
for some uncommon Sort of Food, to the  
great Surprise of every Body about them ;  
on the other hand the Fit anticipating some-  
times brings on Death before the Time it was  
indicated.



I have examined the Bodies of near a hundred CHAP.  
 Persons, who perished in these Fevers, and III.  
 constantly found one or other of the adipose }  
 Parts in the lower Belly, (the Cawl, Mesen-  
 tery, Colon, &c.) of a dark black Com-  
 plexion, or totally corrupted; the *Vesica Fel-*  
*lea* full and turgid, and the Stomach and In-  
 testines overflowing with bilious Matter; the  
 Spleen large, sometimes weighing four or  
 five Pounds, and so excessively soft and rotten,  
 that it had more the Appearance of congealed  
 Blood wrapt up in a Membrane, than of an or-  
 ganical Part. In the Cavity of the Head and  
 Breast, nothing extraordinary was met with,  
 excepting yellow *Serum*, when the Skin was  
 tinged with the same Colour.

Some Observations relating to malignant  
 Tertians are handed down to us by COELIUS  
 AURELIANUS, which, for the Reader's In-  
 formation I shall transcribe at the Bottom of  
 the Page\*; and whoever is acquainted with

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\* Hæc passio (nempe apprehensio sive oppressio) le-  
 thargiæ similis est, HIPPOCRATES et DIOCLES αφωνια  
 appellavit,



CHAP. this Author's Style, will easily discover how  
 III. nearly the preceding Remarks agree with  
 those of the old *Greek* and *Roman* Physicians.

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\* Intermit-  
tentes.

<sup>b</sup> Impari-  
bus die-  
bus.

<sup>c</sup> Sani sibi  
visi.

<sup>d</sup> Sibi si-  
miles sint.

<sup>e</sup> Profun-  
dus som-  
nus.

<sup>f</sup> Somno  
turbulen-  
to.

appellavit, PRAXAGORAS *Καταλειπόν*, ANTIGENES *ακατα-  
 διαν*, ASCLEPIADES *Catalepsi*n — DIOCLES ait <sup>a</sup> *de-  
 fectivas febres* tutas et innoxias esse frequentius quam  
 sunt continuæ, quamquam et in his periclitentur, qui in  
 accessionibus apprehensi conticescunt, vel raptu quodam  
 alterno per membra tentantur, cum supra dictis: quod  
 sæpe, inquit, est accidens pueris. Item PRAXAGORAS  
 ait esse quasdam febres ex anno duodecimo usque ad an-  
 num XVI aut XVII, quæ, quadem privata perniciæ, mor-  
 tis habent effectum. Atque id in servis magis quam li-  
 beris evenire, sed <sup>b</sup> *excesso dierum numero* passionibus fiunt,  
 catochæ vehementes, ut etiam voce capiantur ægrotan-  
 tes: Horum aliquos etiam lethargicos fieri. Denique,  
 inquit, quidam liberati, et deinde <sup>c</sup> *sanitatis creduli*,  
 plurimum quicquam sumentes, repente in mortem ve-  
 nerunt. — Item ARCHIGENES ait difficiles esse perio-  
 dicos typos horum difficiliore esse Tertianas, in quibus  
 quotidianæ accessiones fiant, sed alternâ diei interposi-  
 tione, <sup>d</sup> *suæ similitudini respondeant*, quando in acces-  
 sione vehemens occurrerit oppressio, et appellavit PIROS.  
 Difficilis, inquit etiam si quotidianis diebus accessiones  
 sibi similes fiant, et in accessione ægrotantes supra  
 dicta patientur. Dehinc progrediens paululum idem  
 dixit periodicos Typos non esse perniciosos, sed ho-  
 rum esse molestos, quibus accessionis tempore <sup>e</sup> *Pres-  
 sure vehementes* eveniunt, et quodam <sup>f</sup> *Nubilo* cor-  
 pus demergitur, quod item Rhigos vocavit; sed hoc,  
 inquit, est accidens magis tertianis, aliquando etiam  
 quotidianis, quæ similibus respondeant accessionibus.  
 — Apud Romam vero inquit ASCLEPIADES fre-  
 quentare



In some Circumstances however there seems CHAP.  
 to be a Difference ; for according to them, III.  
 Children are most liable to malignant Ter-  
tians ;

quentare advertimus & *has febres*, cum corporis atque Tertia-  
 mentis oppressione, in similitudine lethargiæ, quæ se- nas dupli-  
 cundo vel tertio in statu accessionis constitutæ, statim ces.  
 recalefacto corpore, vel cessante vehementia, in re-  
 sumptionem et resurrectionem mediocrem revocant æ-  
 grotantes. At si <sup>h</sup> *levi figmento* cessaverint, semel appre- <sup>h</sup> Non re-  
 henso ægro nullam resurrectionem dabunt, sed in su- vera sed  
 dores, et respirationem celerem, in pulsum febrici- in specie  
 tantem desinunt et occidunt.—Autumni tempore hæc tantum.  
 passio magis irruit corporibus atque puerilibus frequenter  
 ætatibus ; item mulieribus humorosis, et vacuis corpo-  
 bus, et edacibus hominibus.—Præterea omni febriculæ  
 hæc passio irruere potest sive continuis sive demissionibus  
 intercapedinatis, hæmitritaicis etiam febribus, vel quo-  
 tidianis, vel tertianis, vel quartanis, frequentius tamen  
 quotidianis accessionibus, vel tertianis, ægrotantes ista  
 passione afficiuntur, et propterea, diuturnis accessionibus  
 admoniti, tertianis similitudinem servant, ad typum  
 quotidianum : sed omnium earum febrium gravius,  
 quoties cum articulorum frigido torpore fuerit <sup>i</sup> *Quali-* <sup>i</sup> Mos fe-  
 tas : levius, quoties tremore ægrotantes afficiuntur : Item bris.  
 magis et magis levius, quoties sine his quæ supra  
 diximus, solo fervore febres initium accipunt. *After-*  
*wards, having accurately enumerated the Signs of the*  
*Distemper our Author proceeds to describe it in the last*  
*Stage.* Cum sudore sæpius plurimo atque ferventi et in  
 demissione sinceritati propinquantibus rursus admonentur.  
 At si ad pejora passio fuerit devoluta, fervor plurimus  
 corporis in superficie, magis sentitur respiratio, oculo-  
 rum conversio, menti quoque fixa conductio, manuum  
 contractus, et musculorum, qui buccas colligunt, tan-  
 quam



CHAP. tians; whereas by what I have observed,  
 III. they were more frequent among Adults and  
 those of an advanced Age. They likewise  
 talk, as if the Fits were more to be dreaded  
 when they come on with a Numbness of  
 the Joints and Tremblings; but the most  
 formidable Paroxysms, which I have seen,  
 broke out into a burning Heat at the Begin-  
 ning, without any previous Cold.

From what has been said, I flatter myself  
 that young Practitioners will be enabled, not  
 only to distinguish Tertians from all other  
 Fevers, but likewise to foresee the Times of  
 their Paroxysms, and Intervals, and to make a  
 rational Conjecture, concerning their Event.  
 Before I proceed to the Cure, I shall only  
 remark, that although we find them appear-  
 ing every Year in the several Forms and

quam ridentium, sudor igneus, et quibusdam in vultu et  
 thorace emergentes discolores vel stantes in rotunditate  
<sup>k</sup> *Maculæ*, in similitudinem <sup>l</sup> *Scatebrarum corporis*, quas  
 Græci *Ιορθας* vocant, et e magnitudine repentinus virium  
 casus, gutturis stridor, quem ronchum vocant, torpor  
 frigidus, albidus vultus, et in ultimo <sup>m</sup> *Effatio*, atque  
 vitæ periculum.

<sup>k</sup> Exan-  
 themata.  
<sup>l</sup> Sudoris  
 guttula-  
 rum.  
<sup>m</sup> Snffoca-  
 tio.

Lib. ii. cap. x. *De morb. acut.*

Types



Types described in the Beginning of this CHAP.  
Chapter, yet the true simple and double III.  
Tertian, and the Semitertian are by much }  
the most frequent. In *July*, when they  
first break out, their Type is commonly simple and regular; their Paroxysms are of short Duration; and after three, four, or five Periods, they vanish of their own accord. So just is HIPPOCRATES's Observation that true Tertians generally end within five, seven, or, at most, nine Revolutions\*, notwithstanding what some of the Moderns have alledged to the contrary. As the Season advances, the Tertians become more dangerous and difficult, often terminating in those malignant Fevers, called *Syncopalis*, *Lipyrria*, *Affodes*, &c. especially if much Rain, without Wind, fall during the Dog-Days. About the Time of the Equinox, they assume a surprizing Variety of Forms, and very often counterfeit continual Fevers, having long redoubled Paroxysms. But as the Winter draws near, their Type becomes more simple, and tho' they

\* Prænot. Coac.




CHAP. prove tedious and obstinate in cold Weather,  
III. yet they are more regular, and less  
~ dangerous than in the Summer.

In the Cure of Tertians, the Symptoms of the Paroxysms are more to be regarded than the Types of the Periods; for *cæteris paribus*, simple, double, triple, intermittent, and remittent Tertians, together with the Semitertian, all require the same Sort of Treatment.

As soon as the Fit comes on, the Patient should be put to bed, and covered with Cloaths in such a Manner, that he may neither be suffocated with immoderate Heat, nor the critical Sweats be suppressed by the Admission of too much Cold. If it can conveniently be done, his Bed should be placed in a large Room, where he may breath freely, in pure temperate Air. In the Summer it will be necessary to keep out the Sun, and to refresh the Air frequently by sprinkling the Floor with Vinegar and Water, and opening the Windows to the North; during  
Winter,



Winter, or the autumnal Rains, the Cold and CHAP.  
Moisture of the Weather must be corrected III.  
by a Fire. 

While the cold Fit continues the Patient should abstain from drinking. For at that Time the *Vena Cava* and subclavian Vein are so full and turgid, by the Blood's being driven from the Surface of the Body to the internal Parts\*, that the Discharge of the thoracick Duct is prevented: Hence the Liquor swallowed down, remains in the alimentary Tube, loads the Bowels and creates Anxiety. And therefore if the Patient is thirsty, he must endeavour to allay it in the best manner he can, by washing his Mouth often, and eating Slices of Lemons sprinkled with Sugar. In the mean time if a *Nausea* or Inclination to vomit supervene, these salutary Attempts of Nature should be promoted by large Draughts of warm Water or weak Broth, which commonly bring up a Quan-

\* Sanguis presentem horrorem metuens, ad partes maxime calidas concurrit.

HIP. lib. de Flat.



CHAP. tity of bilious Matter, to the immediate Re-  
 III. lief of the Sick.



When the first Stage of the Paroxysm is over, or (to use HIPPOCRATES's Phrase) *When the Heat descends to the Feet* \*, Liquids may then be given ; but with such Moderation, that the Patient be neither allowed to take as much as he pleases, nor suffered to be tormented with Thirst. As soon as the Sweat breaks out, he may then be permitted to drink at Pleasure.

The *Spanish* Physicians deny them Liquors altogether till the Fit be at its Height : They then give them in small Quautity ; always encouraging the Sick, with CELSUS's Remark †, “ *That the Thirst will cease with the Fit ; which will continue longer if they drink.* ” On the other hand, our People run into the opposite Extream, by permit-

\* Per totum morbum istud præcipue observari debet, ut cum frigidi pedes fuerint, tum a sorbitione exhibenda, tum maxime a potu abstineamus. Cum vero calor ad pedes descenderit, tunc dare convenit.

HIP. de Vict. Rat. in Morb. acut.

† Lib. ii. cap. vi.



ting the free use of Liquids in every Stage of CHAP.  
the Paroxysm. The first of these Errors, III.  
especially in Tertians which have long Paroxysms, besides torturing the Patient, augments the feverish Heat, occasions a Putrefaction of the animal Juices, destroys the Solids, and throws Life itself into the utmost Danger. By the contrary Error, the Stomach is overloaded, Nature is diverted from expelling the critical Sweat, and consequently the Paroxysm is prolonged.

The proper Drinks on this Occasion, are those which allay Heat, prevent Putrefaction, dissolve the acrimonious Particles of the Blood, and convey them through the Kidneys and Pores of the Skin, such as boiled Water, sweetned with Sugar, and rendered agreeably acid with Lemon Juice, Spirit of Vitriol, or sliced Apples infused in it; Barley-Water mixed with simple Oxymell; Almond-Milk, and other Emulsions; to all which Nitre must be occasionally added.



## CHAP.

## III.

It is a noted Question among Physicians, whether during the Fit the Drink should be warm or cold? The *Spaniards* generally give crude Water, cold from the Cistern; and we find by Experience that this, if it be not hastily swallowed down in great Quantities, is not only safe and innocent in Summer Fevers, but much preferable to warmer Liquors, as it quenches Thirst more effectually, strengthening at the same Time the Tone of the Vessels relaxed and enervated by Heat, and preventing the Tendency of the Blood, to a putredinous Thinness. Hence after each Draught the Body seems to acquire fresh Vigour, whereby it is enabled to perform the Concoction of the febrile Matter, and discharge it by the proper Emunctories\*. And

\* In hac curatione observandum est, a spirit. sulph. gutt. xx. cum libra aquæ frigidæ exhibitis, sudores copiosos fuisse provocatos, quod multis experimentis nobis innotescit, qui plures tertianas febres curatas vidimus, eodem remedio, in summo accessionis æstu, et urgente siti exhibito, unde copiosi sudores provocantur, a quibus non solum Paroxysmus, sed etiam totus morbus integre solvebatur.

River. Obs. xix. Cent. i.

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therefore, they are greatly to be blamed, CHAP. III.  
who refuse their Patients so powerful and agreeable a Remedy, in spite of the earnest Call of Nature, and contrary to the Advice of the best Practitioners \*. Nevertheless, as there is a manifest Hazard of the Blood's being coagulated by the sudden Application of intense Cold, we must beware of giving Ice Water, as the *Italians* and *Sicilians* do, unless the Patient has been accustomed to it when in Health. And if the Bowels are inflamed, the safest Way is to give the Drink luke-warm, or a very little colder.

During the Time of the critical Sweats, the Patient's Shirt and Sheets should frequently be changed; for when once they are thoroughly wet, they do not readily absorb the Sweat; and besides this, there is a Chance lest the morbid Exhalations should be absorbed from the wet Linnen by the cutaneous Veins, and again conveyed into the Mass of Blood.

\* Vid. HOFFM. t. iv. § i. c. i. & t. iii. § ii. c. xi.



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III.

When the Fit is over, and the Patient has got a little rest after his Fatigue, it is needless, or rather hurtful, to confine him constantly to Bed, as is the *Spanish* Custom; yet he ought to keep within Doors, or at least avoid being exposed to the Sun, and all violent Exercise; which is apt to bring on Inflammations in the Bowels, and turn an Intermittent into a continual Fever.

In the Paroxysms, no Kind of Food should be given, unless the Fits are of an uncommon Length, and the Patient very weak. But every three or four Hours during the Intervals, a few Spoonfulls of thin light Nourishment will be necessary to support Nature. The *French* and *Spaniards* use weak Mutton or Chicken-Broth in all Fevers; which Practice is justly condemned by RIVERIUS\*; as Panada and other vegetable Dishes are not only more agreeable to the Generality of the Sick, but likewise better adapted

\* Prax. Med. lib. xvii. c. i.



to prevent the spontaneous Tendency of the CHAP. Humors to an alcalescent State. Nor can I think III. the Summer Fruits are improper upon this Occasion, though they are forbid by most Authors, who have in this respect blindly copied after GALEN. ALEXANDER TRALLIAN \* prescribes the free Use Grapes and Peaches in

\* Pomaceos fructus, exquisitis tertianis liberaliter exhibere convenit, nempe uvam dulcem, Persica cocta, & non cocta, peponumque medullam; præsertim autem si etiam ægri siti vexentur. Ego sane novime frequenter ægros, ne amplius accessione febris infestarentur, impedivisse, cum peponas prabe refrigeratos, horâ ante incursum morbi, assumere jussissem, et rursus aquam temperatam copiosam, et quantam potuerint peponi superbibendam præcepissem. Secutus itaque est, non multo post aquam epotam, aliquibus sane sudor, aliis copiosa bilis per alvum. Offendi autem ego plerosque Romæ medicos, qui ne nomen quidem peponum tanquam bilem procreantium proferre audebant. Quum itaque ego, cuidam aliquando, et sitienti vehementer et æstu flagranti defatigatoque injunxissem, ut peponem assumeret, quidam præsens medicus exclamavit homo cur ægrum magis vis occidere: Annon didicisti quod pepon bilem producat? Lege Galenum de alimentis, ubi dicat manifeste peponem comestum cholericos efficere. Laboravi igitur ego, non parum ut iis persuaderem, qui intellectu assequi poterant, Galenum non dicere hic ipsos pepones bilem creare, sed choleram efficere. Proinde tertianâ febre detentis, cum fiducia dari debent.—Quomodo enim ea, quæ refrigerant et humectant, bilem creare possint, non video.

Lib. xii. c. vi.

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Tertians,



CHAP. Tertians, and boasts of the many Cures he  
 III. had performed to the great Surprize of his  
 Cotemporaries, by giving Water Melons, and  
 large Draughts of cool Water an Hour before the Fit. AVICENNA recommends Pomegranates and ripe Plumbs, but above all the Water Melons \*. And GALEN himself, though he was unreasonably prejudiced against the Summer Fruits (a Surfeit of which threw him into a Fit of Sicknefs when a Boy) Yet in the present Case, he allows the Use of such of them as are not difficult to be digested †. And indeed in several other Places of his Works, he is obliged to contradict his own Opinion of their being unwholesome Nourishment || ; particularly where he tells us §, “ that those who are set  
 “ to watch the Vineyards and live for two  
 “ Months on Grapes, Figs, and Bread, be-  
 “ come fat and lusty.” Which Observation is annually confirmed in *Minorca*; it being

\* In Opere venet de Febr. c. xxxviii. p. 31.

† Ad Glauc. l. i. c. ix.

|| De Alim. Facult. l. ii. c. ii.

§ Ibid. c. ix.



remarkable that the Persons appointed for CHAP.  
the same Purpose there commonly continue III.  
in good Health, though in that Season Ter-  
tians usually rage with the greatest Violence.

Before I have done with the Diet of the Sick, it may be noted, that altho' in the Beginning of these Fevers they commonly loath every thing, except thin, cooling, acedcent Liquors; yet after some Days Wine becomes less disagreeable, and towards the Decline of the Disease, a prudent Use of it, mixed with Water, or made into Whey, is often absolutely necessary to keep up the failing Strength, and prevent Weakness, the worst of all Distempers.

With regard to Bleeding, it has been warmly debated among both ancient and modern Authors whether it ought or ought not to be used in Tertian Fevers. Much has been wrote on both Sides; but the Question appears to me too general to admit of a po-



CHAP. fitive answer. CELSUS \* has justly observed  
 III. that “ Medicines differ, according to the  
 ~ “ Nature of the Climate ; one Kind being  
 “ necessary in *Rome*, another in *Egypt*, and  
 “ a third in *France*.” And since we daily  
 meet with a remarkable Diversity of Symp-  
 toms among Fevers of the Tertian Tribe  
 even in the same Climate, at the same Sea-  
 son of the Year, it cannot surely be sur-  
 prizing that any one Remedy is not equally  
 beneficial in all Cases, and at all Times.

For my own Part, when I was called  
 early enough, in the Beginning of these Fe-  
 vers I used to take away some Blood (unless  
 there was a strong Contraindication) from  
 People of all Ages ; namely, from robust  
 Adults ten or twelve Ounces ; from others  
 a smaller Quantity in Proportion to their  
 Strength and Years. And further, if a vio-  
 lent Head-ach, an obstinate *Delirium*, and  
 great Heat or Pains of the Bowels were ur-  
 gent, within a Day or two, I repeated the

\* De Med. Præfat.



Bleeding. By which seasonable Evacuation CHAP.  
the Vehemency of the Paroxysms is some- III.  
what diminished; the Apyrexies become  
more compleat; the Operation of Emeticks  
and Catharticks is rendered safer and more  
successful; and the terrible Symptoms, which  
often make their Appearance about the  
Height of the Distemper, such as Raving,  
*Sopor*, Difficulty of Breathing, Inflamma-  
tions of the *Abdominal Viscera*, &c. are either  
prevented or mitigated.

But if before I was called, the Fever  
had already continued sometime, and the  
Mass of Blood appeared to be too much  
melted down, or inclinable to a putrid Disso-  
lution, which is often the Case, during the  
extream hot Weather, about the fourth Pe-  
riod of the Distemper, and is readily known  
by the great Alteration of the Patient's Looks  
and his sudden Loss of Strength; or if the first  
Paroxysms of the Disease were attended with  
profuse Evacuations, whether by Vomiting,  
Purging, Sweating, or a Hæmorrhage from  
the Nose: In all these Circumstances, I either



CHAP. omitted the Bleeding entirely, or took away a

III. very small Quantity, though some importunate Symptoms might seem to require a much larger Evacuation.

But when Bleeding is allowed to be necessary, it is asked at what particular Time of the periodical Revolution it ought to be performed? The Ancients\* believed that “to open a Vein in the Height of the Fever, was to destroy the Patient;” and therefore they order you to wait for the Intermiffion, or the Hour on which the Symptoms are generally most moderate. But the Experience of the present Age has taught us that this Operation is safe enough, at any Time of the Period, unless while the cold Fit lasts, or is soon expected; or while the Skin is covered with critical Sweats. Of late Years encouraged by the Example of some Practitioners of Reputation†, I com-

\* Si vehemens febris urget, in ipso impetu ejus, sanguinem mittere hominem jugulare est, expectanda ergo intermissio, &c. CEL. I. ii. c. x.

† Astruc on Fevers, p. 71. Gourraigne de Febribus.



monly opened a Vein in the Beginning of CHAP.  
the hot Fit ; by which Means the Sick were III.  
immediately relieved ; the immoderate Heat of  
the Body (which is often productive of fatal  
Effects) was diminished ; and the critical  
Sweats were brought on sooner, and in  
greater Abundance. But when that Time of  
the Paroxysm was past before my being  
called, I bled in the Evening, when it abated  
or went off, that I might be at Liberty next  
Day to make use of the Remission or Inter-  
mission, which commonly happens in the  
Morning, to evacuate the first Passages.

For, the disagreeable Taste in the Mouth,  
loathing of Food, Giddiness, Pain in the  
Forehead and Loins, and other constant At-  
tendants of Tertian Fevers make it evident,  
that the Stomach and Intestines are over-  
loaded with noxious Humors, and particularly  
with corrupted bile ; from which if they be  
not early discharged, very threatening Symptoms  
will be apt to ensue about the State of the Dis-  
ease ; such as violent Vomiting, Redoubling  
or Continuation of the Paroxysms, Ravings,



CHAP. Restlessness, Pain, Inflammation, Gangrene  
 III. of the abdominal Bowels, and lastly, sudden  
 ~~~~~ Death. Wherefore it is not only necessary to  
 wash the Stomach with warm Water or weak
 Broth in the Beginning of the Fits, when in-
 dicated by an Inclination to vomit, and to
 keep the Belly constantly open with Gly-
 sters; but likewise to empty the first Passages
 by more powerful Means at the first conve-
 nient Interval,

It is a controverted Point whether it is best
 to discharge these noxious Humors by Vo-
 mit or Stool. At first View Vomits seem to
 be most eligible, as they quickly empty the
 superior Part of the alimentary Tube, which
 appears to be the principal Seat of the morbi-
 Matter. But it must be considered, that
 whatever irritates much, and produces vio-
 lent Commotions, ought to be avoided in the
 present Case. *Cave ne inducas Effervescentiam Biliosorum*, is a Caution given by AVI-
 CENNA; and the *Spaniards*, no more than the
Italians *, if their Physicians may be cre-

* Vid Bagliv. lib. i. c. xv. § v.

dited, cannot well bear rough Medicines of CHAP.
any Kind. Besides, the Inflammations of the III.
Bowels, too frequently accompanying Ter-
tians, are exasperated beyond Expression by
the strong Contraction of the Diaphragm
and abdominal Muscles in this Operation:
And if the Spleen or Liver are disposed to be
come putrid (which is no uncommon Case
in these Fevers) it is needless to point out the
dangerous Consequences, that may result
from the repeated Efforts of vomiting. For
which Reasons, mild Purgatives, though less
powerful Remedies, are the safest, and there-
fore to be preferred in the Generality of
Cases. Those which I have found most
beneficial are *Senna*, *Manna*, *Cremor Tar-*
tari; but above all the *Sal Catharticum*
Amarum, which neither gripes nor disturbs
the Body, and seldom fails of having the de-
sired Effect in a few Hours, a Circumstance
of great Moment where the Intervals are
short. But if Vomits are to be used, they
should be given in the Beginning of the Disease
before repeated Paroxysms, have brought on
Inflammations, or too much dissolved the Tex-
ture

CHAP. ture of the Blood; taking Care that the Ope-
III. ration does not interfere with the Fit, lest some
sudden Mischief should arise from the united
Shock of the Remedy and the Disease.

When I first became acquainted with these Diseases, the uncommon Violence of their Symptoms induced me to lay the principal Stress of the Cure on Evacuations; and to have recourse to frequent Bleeding upon account of the Inflammations of the *Viscera*: endeavouring at the same time by repeated Catharticks to discharge the corrupted Humors from the Intestines: But when Experience had convinced me that the Bark was both a safe and effectual Remedy in these Circumstances, I then plainly perceived that such profuse Evacuations were unnecessary if not prejudicial; and of late Years, as I seldom omitted to bleed and purge once or twice, I rarely repeated either Operation oftener.

In Semitertians and Remittents, which approach to the nature of continual Fevers, I give a Cathartick early in the Morning
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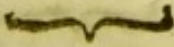
of that Day on which the Symptoms are CHAP.
most moderate; hastening the Operation with III.
Glysters (if Occasion requires) so that it may }
be finished before the Middle of the Day,
about which Time the Patient commonly
grows worse. In true simple and double
Tertians there is generally an Interval every
Morning, in which the Purgative may be
administered, but that which succeeds the
worst Fit, is the most proper, as it is more
calm and continues longer than the other.

Another Inducement to purge in the Beginning of Tertians, is, that these Fevers are sometimes accompanied with Worms in the first Passages.

Proper Evacuations being premised, if possible, within the first four or five Days of the Distemper, I carefully examine the Condition of the Patient, during the third Revolution, and determine accordingly in what Manner it will be necessary to proceed. If the Paroxysms of that Revolution be neither longer, nor attended with more threatening Symptoms,

CHAP. Symptoms, than those of the second ; If the
III. Patient preserves his Strength, bears his Ill-
ness easily, and Signs of Concoction appear
in the Urine ; I frequently trust the whole
Business to Nature, which commonly termi-
nates the Fever about the fourth or fifth Re-
volution, and, for the most Part, with an
Increase of some of the natural Evacuations ;
so that Sweats, cloudy or thick Urine, and
bilious Stools often supervene, and some-
times a spontaneous Efflux of Spittle, or a
copious Expectoration of pituitous Matter.

But if the Paroxysm on the fifth Day be
evidently the longest and most severe that
has happened ; if it be attended with any
doubtful or dangerous Symptom ; If the Sick
become giddy, feeble, and languid ; in these
Cases, without Delay, I have recourse to the
Bark ; and the same Evening, as soon as the
Sweats have procured a Remission, I order
two Scruples or a Drachm of it in Powder to
be given every two or three Hours, or every
Hour and a Half, so that five or six Drachms
may be taken before next Day at Noon, with

as little Interruption to their Sleep as may CHAP.
be ; and the Assistants are strictly enjoined to III.
comply punctually with these Directions, 
least if this Interval escape, we should not
afterwards have a favourable Opportunity of
giving a sufficient Quantity of the Medicine,
as the Fits about this Period of the Disease
are wont to become double, Subintrant, or
continual. Yet it is not always in our
Power to put an immediate Stop to the Fe-
ver by this Means: On the contrary, do
what we can, it will often proceed in its
Career, and, in spite of all our Attempts,
run obstinately on to the seventh or ninth
Day: But the great Advantage which ac-
crues from the early Use of the Bark, is,
that it invigorates the Powers of the Body, it
prevents or removes the dangerous Symp-
toms, and in Tertians, which of their own
Accord would continue to the End of the
second Week or longer, it brings on a Crisis
sooner, and with much less Disturbance. In
short, to use the Expression of one of the
greatest Promoters of medical Knowledge
in

CHAP. in this Age *, “ it proves an excellent As-
 III. “ sistant to Nature, in what the Antients
 “ called the Concoction and Maturation of
 “ the morbid Matter ;” and (I must add) in
 the Expulsion of it likewise, sensibly or in-
 sensibly, by the most convenient Outlets.
 For so far is it from suppressing any Bene-
 ficial Discharge, as some have asserted, that
 we daily observe a laudable Separation in the
 Urine, warm, profuse, universal Sweats,
 plentiful bilious Stools, and sometimes the
 Hæmorroids and Menses coming on after it
 has been used ; though it effectually restrains
 the colliquative Night-Sweats, to which Per-
 sons weakened by tedious Intermittents are
 incident.

Having given the Bark in the Manner di-
 rected, on the fifth Day of the Fever, if a
 Paroxysm comes on on the sixth, and declines
 the same Evening, I order a few more
 Doses to be taken, with a View to prevent,
 if possible, or at least to mitigate the Fit ex-

* MONRO on the Use of the Bark in Small Pox
 and Gangrenes, Med. Essays, vol. v. art. x.

pected on the Seventh. Yet it sometimes CHAP.
happens that the Fit of the sixth Day unites III.
with that of the seventh, no Remission in-
tervening, so that the Heat, Restlessness,
Raving, and other Complaints being greatly
augmented, the Case seems to be much more
desperate than ever. But these Commotions
which follow upon the Use of the Bark in
this Stage of the Fever, are more dangerous
in Appearance than reality; and so far
from being alarmed at the Sight of them,
I commonly give Expectation that a Re-
mission with profuse Evacuations will happen
the next Evening; at the same Time giving
positive Assurances that if the Patient takes as
much Bark in that Interval, as he did in the
former, he will either have no more Fits, or
moderate ones which will quickly yield to
the same Sort of Management.

By this Method, when Assistance is timely
called, the most formidable Kinds of inter-
mitting and remitting Tertians, whether ap-
pearing in their own proper Colours, or per-
sonating other Distempers, may be certainly
and

CHAP. and speedily brought to a happy Conclusion
 III. about the End of the first Week or beginning of the Second.

But if the Fever has been neglected in the Beginning, and you are not called till about the third or fourth Period ; when by the Use of spirituous Liquors, strong Vomits, or violent Exercise, the Bowels are inflamed ; or for want of seasonable Evacuations the first Passages are overcharged with corrupted Gall, and other putrid Matter ; the Fits tedious and subintrant ; or perhaps attended with a *Stupor*, *Syncope*, *Cholera Morbus*, cold Sweats, and great Weakness. These, indeed, are terrible Cases : Yet such as too frequently happen, and involve the Physician in the greatest Perplexity. So many Indications and Contraindications present themselves at the same time, that by obviating one Symptom you hazard the Increase of another * :
 Nor

* Sæpissime ad ægrotos vocatus, tantam tamque confusam, mirabar, symptomatum turbam, ut purgatio ne, an venæsectio vel neutra, imprimis foret eligenda decernere anceps et summi ponderis negotium esset. Nec doctorum,

Nor under such Circumstances, is it easy to CHAP.
lay down Rules for managing the Sick: All III.
that can be with safety advised, is, to pal-
liate the most pressing Complaints in the Man-
ner hereafter proposed; in the mean Time
carefully watching the Evening, the Night,
and the early Part of the Morning, for a Re-
mission; and the Moment it offers, to fly to
the Bark as to the only Remedy which can
avert the impending Danger.

If the Patient seems strong enough to
bear Purging, I divide an Ounce or six
Drachms of *Sal Catharticum amarum*, and
half an Ounce of Bark, into four equal Parts,
and order one to be taken every two Hours:
The Effect of this is, that the next Fit is
mitigated, and an Intermission commonly
ensues, in which the Bark without the Pur-
gative must be repeated to finish the Cure *.

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But

doctorum, ut ut gravissimorum, consilia poterant in illis
casibus suffragari, quin in Alterutra operatione tentanda
adhuc extaret ambiguitas.

Guidet. de tertian. autumn. apud Bianch hist.

Hepat. part iii. p. 287.

* Si tamen vacuatione opus sit, et ab urgente febre,
tempus ad exhibendum catharticum denegetur, post
V. S.

CHAP. But if the Patient is so excessively feeble,
 III. that there is a manifest Risk of his dying in
 ~~~~~ the next Period of the Fever, instead of the  
*Sal Cadtharticum*, I give the Bark with Cor-  
 dials (among which Wine is by much the best)  
 and endeavour to have six or seven Drachms  
 of it taken in the Space of ten or twelve  
 Hours; having found by Experience that  
 the Paroxysms, if a smaller Quantity is given,  
 too frequently come on earlier than usual,  
 and make all Attempts to preserve Life un-  
 successful \*.

When the Sick are out of Danger, and  
 have recovered a sufficient Degree of Strength,

V. S. cortex peruvianus, cum purgante medicamento ido-  
 neo conjunctus, statim exhibeatur.

GEOFFR. Mat. Med. vol. ii. p. 188.

Tuto igitur in perniciosis his febribus, febrifugum quo-  
 cunque tempore potissimum purgantibus immixtum pro-  
 pinetur.

BIANCH. Hist. hep. par. iii. p. 287.

\* For which Reason, in such deplorable Cases,  
 TORTI orders half an Ounce or six Drachms of Bark  
 to be swallowed at once; which he affirms is much more  
 powerful than the same Quantity divided into several Doses.

Vid. Therap. Spec. l. iii. c. iii.

Bleeding



Bleeding and Purging may safely be directed, notwithstanding the Use of the Bark, if these Evacuations are indicated; and so far is opening the Belly occasionally from bringing on a Relapse, that those who have had the best Opportunities of making the Trial \*, have found it to be the most probable Means of preventing a Return of the Fever.

CHAP.  
III.

This is the Method of using the *Cortex*, into which I at length fell, after trying a

\* Qui dictitant febrem per corticem peruvianum deletam, si postea Cathartica propinentur, revocari, hosce toto quidem cœlo hallucinari, assidua nos docuit experientia, qua ægros post exhibitum corticem a febre liberos, per subrogata purgantia tutius a relapsu præcaveri recognovimus.

BIANCH. Hist. hep. part iii. p. 283.

Mixtionem Rhabarbari cum Chinâ ipse ego apud Italos, xx circiter abhinc annis, primus faustam prosperamque hisce in casibus expertus fui, felicemque exitum, cum aliis, per epistolas communicavi.

Lancif. lib. ii. epid iv. c. vi.

Cortex cum rhabarbaro anno 1710, non ea felicitate stimulat alvum, qua anno 1708 & 1709, et propterea opus erat illius remedii usum grandioribus catharticis interrumpere.

Lanc. epid. iv. c. viii.



CHAP. great Variety of others. Sometimes, indeed, extreme Weakness, or some formidable Symptom, obliged me to have Recourse to it in the second Period of the Fever, but I never chose to give it before the third, nor to delay it after the fourth, in all Cases of any Consequence, provided there was a proper Interval for its Administration; and with its Assistance, if the Patients were not altogether exhausted, I had the Pleasure of seeing them happily rescued from Tertians of the most malignant Kind, such as the *Lipyrria*, *Assodes*, *Febris Syncopalis*, &c. What the Poet says on a different Occasion \* being literally true in the present Case.

*Hi motus, et hæc certamina tanta  
Pulveris exigui jactu compressa quiescunt.*

And the more Experience I had of the Bark, the more I was convinced of both its Innocency and Efficacy; so that I heartily wish I had always given it with as much Freedom as I did during the last seven Years of

\* VIRGIL, Georg. iv.



my Stay in *Minorca*: But the Prejudices CHAP.  
 against this Medicine, which I had early im- III.  
 bibed from some of the most approved Au-  
 thors, made me for a long time use it with  
 too much Diffidence \*.

In the first Place, I suspected that the  
 Relapses, so frequent from *July* to *January*,  
 were in some Measure owing to the general  
 Use of the Bark: And as I observed, that  
 the greatest Number of Tertians went away  
 of their own Accord in a Fortnight's time,  
 I thought it would be more advantageous to  
 the Patient to suffer a few Paroxysms, and,  
 when no immediate Danger appeared, to

\* Major medentium pars apud nostrates, ut vulgi  
 calumniis, et assiduis ægrorum querimoniis se subduce-  
 rent, in hac tempestate ad peruvianum corticem confu-  
 gere: At parum prospere; nam in perniciosos scopulos  
 ægrotantes suos persæpe deduxere. Usu febrifugi, per  
 aliquot dies, equidem latebat sub cinere doloso ignis, ve-  
 rum postliminio violenter recrudescebat.

Ramaz. Conf. epid. 1690.

Adverte quæso mi Nepos, et diligenter observa febres  
 intermittentes post epotam chinam nunquam ad veram  
 et perfectam apyrexiam pertingere, qualis contingit,  
 quando natura sponte per sudorem aut alias vias accessionem  
 discutit. &c. &c. &c.

Ramaz. de usu & abusu chinæ.



CHAP. wait the spontaneous Termination of the  
 III. Fever, than to hazard a Return by having it  
 prematurely suppressed: But afterwards by  
 comparing a number of Cases which had terminated of their own Accord, with others wherein the Bark had been given, I evidently saw that those were most liable to a Relapse whose Strength had been most impaired by the primary Fever, whether they had been cured by Art or Nature; so that a Delay in giving the Bark, seems frequently to have produced the Effects ascribed to its having been used too early.

Besides, while I was waiting for the spontaneous *Crises*, even in Cases where the Mildness of the Fits, and the Length of the Intermissions, afforded the most flattering Hopes of a favourable Issue, I now and then had the Mortification to find my Patient unexpectedly seized with a violent malignant Paroxysm, attended by a *Stupor*, Speechlessness and apoplectick Symptoms, which seldom indeed proved fatal immediately, but were often succeeded by such insuperable Weakness that

the



the Bark could not be administered, or was CHAP.  
given unsuccessfully, so that he died in the III.  
next Period of the Fever. The first two or  
three Accidents of this Kind I was willing  
to impute to some concealed Irregularity in  
the Use of the Non-naturals; but I have  
since been taught by too many Instances,  
that during the Months of *July*, *August*, and  
*September*, it is very common for these fal-  
lacious Fevers, about the End of their se-  
cond Week, suddenly to change from the  
mildest to the most formidable Aspect;  
and consequently that it is dangerous to  
permit their continuing so long. The Re-  
petition of such Accidents first induced me  
to think of writing on this Subject; con-  
sidering it as an indispensable Duty to  
point out the Danger of such Omissions,  
to Practitioners of less Experience, in or-  
der to prevent them from being misled by  
the plausible Theory of some Authors,  
and the positive Assertions of others, though  
delivered in so dogmatical a Manner, as if  
they were wholly the Result of careful Ob-  
O 4 servation.



CHAP. fervation. So that I must inculcate it as  
 III. a Rule of the utmost Importance in the Cure  
 of these epidemical Tertians, never to wait  
 longer than the End of the first Week, or  
 the Beginning of the second, for their spon-  
 taneous Terminations, but without farther  
 Delay to apply to the Bark.

Secondly, before I learned, by observing  
 the Course of these Fevers when left to them-  
 selves, that it is customary for them, in their  
 Progress, to vary their Type, and increase  
 in Violence to the third, fourth, or fifth  
 Periods, I suspected that the hasty Admi-  
 nistration of the Bark, not only produced  
 the Inflammation of the Bowels, *Delirium*,  
 and other bad Symptoms, which supervene  
 about the Height of the Disease, but like-  
 wise occasioned the Paroxysm to double, or  
 perhaps continue without Remission \* :

Whereas

\* *Chinam chinæ dare impuro corpore, id est in princi-  
 piis morborum, nullis precedentibus signis coctionis, et  
 corpore non purgato, piaculum est in Aere romano; me-  
 thodus damnabilis ac perniciofa. Dicunt multi dandam  
 esse, ut impetus symptomatum tunc furentium coer-  
 ceatur*



Whereas the Fact is, that many Tertians CHAP. III.  
 which intermit during the first Week, are  
 very apt of their own Accord, to become  
 continual Fevers in the second, and extend  
 to the seventeenth or one and twentieth Day,  
 or farther, before an Intermission is again  
 perceptible; but if any Interval however

ceatur ac refrænetur; ut inde æger, symptomatum sopita vi, diutius possit morbo resistere. At si tu loco frændorum symptomatum, pravos humores per chinam chinæ in aliquo viscere figas, ac concludas, & ita internam parias inflammationem, ut frequentissime observavi, nonne tu culpandus eris? Nonne tu reus necis lege aquilia puniendus? — Febricitantes meos curo per leges coctionis & crismus — et raro cum recidivâ: quam recidivam singulis momentis ab usu chinæ chinæ expectato.

BAGL. de Fib. Mot. Spec. c. xiii.

Pariter rubris existentibus urinis, et supra modum tinctis, cave cane pejus et angue, ne chinam chinæ præscribas, siue sint acutæ, siue sint intermittentes febres; nam acutæ, facta internâ inflammatione statim præcipitabunt in deterius; intermittentes vero statim fient continuæ, graves, periculosæ; quare si in aliis morbis, certe quando isti conjunctam habent urinam nimis rubram, patiens, longa, prudensque humorum coctio, semper expectanda; si secus feceris, vel mortem vel longos et incurabiles morbos expectato. Romæ scribimus in Aere romano — sancte fateor fere centies hujusmodi veritatem expertus sum, romæ in ægrotantibus, et sæpe cum magno animi mærore, quando medicos in contrariam ire sententiam observabam,

BAGL. Prax. Med. p. 71, &c.

obscure,



CHAP. obscure, appears about the fifth or seventh  
 III. Days, and you can give them five or six Drachms  
 of Bark as above directed, you will probably  
 obtain a more perfect Remission in the next  
 Period; during which the like Quantity must  
 be given; and thus by repeating the Remedy  
 as Opportunity offers, the Disease may be  
 brought to an End, about the ninth, ele-  
 venth, or thirteenth Day. Nor are we to  
 hesitate in giving the Bark, upon Account  
 of the Crudity and Redness of the Urine,  
 which I have frequently observed to become  
 paler, turn cloudy, or let fall a Sediment  
 by the Use of this Medicine.

Thirdly, I was a long time in doubt, whe-  
 ther the Bark might be given without Preju-  
 dice, while the first Passages were full of vitious  
 Humors, and the Bowels were inflamed, or  
 affected with inveterate Obstructions \*; but I  
 have

\* Vid. BOERHAAV. Aphor. 767.

Nonnulli in his casibus (nempe tritaephyis, hemitri-  
 tæis et aliis malignis tertianis) solent more solito chinam  
 chinæ præscribere; quo autem cum successu, pluribus  
 in locis hujus operis animadverti. Nam hoc remedium  
 impuro corpori dare, sæpe in ægroti perniciem vertitur;  
 potissimum



have now good Reason for asserting, that in CHAP. III.  
 these very Cases this Medicine is of the greatest Use; as it averts sudden Death, and gains us time to join with it other Means towards compleating a Cure. For the Quantity of acrimonious Contents in the *Primæ Viæ* is the Effect of the Alteration produced in the circulating Fluids by the Fever; and the longer this continues the more Impurities will be accumulated, till at last they bring on a violent *Cholera Morbus*; or perhaps make their Way through the Lacteals into the Habit, and there occasion very fatal Effects; all which might

potissimum in maximo apparatu humorum in mesenterio.

BAGL. Prax. Med. p. 58.

Romæ scribo et in Aere romano: Et ideo garriant quicquid velint chinæ chinæ fautores: aliis forsan in urbibus egregium est remedium, hic noxium experior.

BAGL. Ibid.

Si chinam dederis (ut fataliter plurimi faciunt) ventre adhuc humoribus onusto, tria expectato, aut inflammationem, aut lentam ac diuturnam febrem, aut mortem. Observa bene, et si falsa dixero, me redarguas. Romæ scribo et in Aere romano.

Id. de Fib. Motr. c. xiii.

In semitertiana (inquit HOFFMANNUS) omittantur pulveres adstringentes nec non cortex chinæ, &c.

Med. Rat. tom. 4. § i. c. v.

have



CHAP. have been prevented by the Use of the Bark,  
 III. which removes the Cause of these Impurities  
 ~~~~~ by putting a Stop to the Fever; and by corroborating the Solids, enables them to throw off the excrementitious Fluids by the proper Emunctories.

Inflammations of the *Abdominal Viscera* are likewise natural Effects of Tertian Fevers: For we find that they often come on by little and little, and increase with every Paroxysm, till at last they end in a Gangrene: Whereas the *Cortex*, by bringing the Fever to a speedy Conclusion, impedes the farther Progress of the Inflammation; so that it afterwards goes off gradually of its own Accord, as I have had Occasion to observe in a Multitude of Instances where acute fixed Pains, Tension, and other Symptoms, made the Nature of the Disease too plain too be doubted of.

When the Bowels are obstructed, we are told * that the Fever should be permitted to

* VANSWIET. in Aph. BOERHAAV. 767.

continue, in order to remove the Obstruction; CHAP.
and this in many Cases may be adviseable: III.

But at the same time it is well known
that if the obstructing Matter be suddenly
dissolved and pushed into the Blood,
it is capable of occasioning the most terrible
Effects *. And therefore I have
commonly found it expedient, in Persons
troubled with hard overgrown Livers and
Spleens, to prevent the Repetition of
long, severe, burning Paroxysms, lest worse
Consequences should ensue. After the Sick
recovered their Strength, I endeavoured to
reduce the Swellings of the Belly, by the
Use of saponaceous Gum Pills, washed
down with an Infusion of Juniper Berries.

When there is an icteritious Colour in the
Eyes, we are likewise told †, that the *Cortex*
should not be administred; tho' in my Opinion,
it is for the most Part dangerous to delay
it, after the first Appearance of that
Symptom; which is often succeeded by a

* Aph. BOERHAAV. 1104.

† VANSWIET. ubi supr. & HUXHAM on Fevers.

CHAP. Yellowness of the whole Body, arising in
 III. this as well as in other malignant * Fevers
 from a total Corruption, or gangrenous Dis-
 position of the Mass of Blood, and is too fre-
 quently the Harbinger of Death.

Upon the whole, I am convinced that the
 unhappy *Metastases*, which some have ob-
 served to follow the Use of the Bark †, are ex-
 ceeding rare, and ought rather to be ascribed
 to other Causes than to this Medicine. And
 I will venture to affirm, that more bad Con-
 sequences ensue from giving it too late than
 too soon; Prostration of Strength, sudden
 Death, or the most obstinate chronick Dis-
 eases, if the Sick recover, being the usual Ef-
 fects of Delay: Whereas the worst that com-
 monly happens from the too early use of it, is,
 that it does not at once restrain the Paroxysms,
 like a Charm, without any sensible Evacua-
 tion, as it frequently does, when given after

* See WARREN on the malignant Fever of *Barba-*
does, p. xii.

† Med. Essays, vol. iv. art. xxiv.

the Fever has arrived naturally to its Height CHAP.
and begins to decline of its own Accord. III.

Having delivered the general Method of treating Tertians, it is needless to say much about their Symptoms; as they commonly disappear with the Fever itself, and seldom require a separate Cure. Nevertheless, it will not be amiss to take Notice of a few, which I have found the most troublesome.

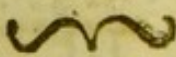
In the first Stage of the Paroxysms, acute Pains in the Back and Limbs, with and without *Rigors* or Chilness, frequently happen; and I have sometimes known them so intolerable, and accompanied with such inexpressible Anxiety, that Persons of the soundest Judgment and Morality have been in Hazard of destroying themselves to get rid of it. Before I was aware that these Pains were the Fore-runners of Tertian Paroxysms, I commonly had recourse to Bleeding, and without observing it was attended with any ill Effect: But of late Years they
never

CHAP. alarmed me, being well assured they would
III. go away of themselves, as the hot Fit ad-
vanced.

The Vomiting and *Nausea*, after washing the Stomach two or three Times with warm Water, is commonly allayed by Draughts of Salt of Wormwood, Lemon Juice and Mint-Water. And if a constant Vomiting or Purging hinders the Bark from being retained, small Doses of *Laudanum* should be joined with it: But a moderate bilious Discharge is commonly beneficial, and therefore should never be suppressed.

Restlessness and Head-achs are the inseparable Companions of the hot Fit; so that the Sick must either be encouraged to bear them with Patience, or must be amused with some innocent Prescription till the Sweats carry them off. When the Head-achs are constant and troublesome in the Apyrexies, I order the Limbs to be frequently bathed in warm Water, and Cataplasms
of

of Horfe-radish and Leaven to be applied to
the Soles of the of the Feet.

CHAP.
III.


Hæmorrhages of the Nose are often of signal Service in removing the obstinate Head-achs, and Pains in the abdominal *Viscera*, whether they are *e directo* or not; though for the most part they happen from the Nostril of that Side, in which the Pains are fixed; for which Reason they ought not to be hastily stopt, unless they continue too long, or come at a Time of great Weakness.

When the Belly is sore and painful to the Touch, Glysters, and warm Fomentations, give great Relief. When the Pains are extremely violent, Bleeding must be repeated: But during the hot Weather, we must not be too free with the Lancet after the fourth Period of the Distemper; as the Weakness commonly is then too great to admit of any such Evacuation with Safety.

CHAP. If the Patient continues comatous and stu-
III. pified longer than ordinary, we must endeavour to rouse him from that lethargick State by scarifying, cupping, and blistering the Neck and Back.

Troublesome Hickups often cease, upon applying Cupping-Glasses without Scarification to the Pit of the Stomach, and giving small Doses of *Laudanum* with *Tincture of Castor*.

If acute Pain and Pulsation in the Hip, point out that a critical Abscess is about to be formed there (a Case that hath occurred to me five or six Times) it must be brought forward by Cupping Glasses, and Cataplasms applied to the Place; and as soon as a Fluctuation can be perceived, it must be opened by a deep Incision; otherwise, the Matter being lodged under the posterior double Edge of the *Glutæus externus*, instead of pointing outwards, may insinuate itself betwixt the Muscles of the Thigh; or may perhaps work its Way
into

into the Cavity of the *Pelvis*, by the Hole CHAP:
through which the *Musculus Pyriiformis*, and III.
the sciatick Nerve pass out; which seemed
to be the Case in one Man, who had first
an Abscess in his right Hip, and some-
time afterwards another in the left, and
died consumptive from the immoderate Dis-
charge.

Parotids must also be brought to suppurate
as soon as possible: But these are not very
common in *Minorca*; nor are they much
to be wished for, being oftener symptoma-
tical than critical.

To conclude, as Tertians personate almost
all Distempers, so there are but few Disor-
ders to which the human Body is incident,
that will not sometimes appear in the Course
of these Fevers; and these, when impor-
tunate, must be mitigated, as in other acute
Diseases.

It has been already remarked, that whe-
ther the Fever is cured by Art or Nature,

CHAP. there is a Hazard of its returning within a

III. Fortnight or three Weeks; nor could I ever
fall upon any certain Method of preventing
one Relapse after another, till the cold Weather, which commonly sets in about *Christmas*, had braced the Solids and given them sufficient Strength to throw off the excrementitious Humors by the proper Out-lets; for which Reason I always advised those who were attacked in the Beginning of the Season, to leave the Island, if their Circumstances would permit, and not to return until the Spring: And there are many Instances of Persons being greatly recovered by the Change of Air, even in the first two or three Days of their being at Sea. But if they were obliged to remain in the Island, the best Chance they had of escaping a Relapse was to take a Dose of the *Cortex* every Morning and Evening for several Weeks; and now and then a gentle Purgative, if a Bitterness in the Mouth, Loss of Appetite, Swimming in the Head, or Sickness at the Stomach, the common Fore-runners of it, should be perceived.

But if, notwithstanding all Precautions, CHAP. the Fever returns, the Patient must be III. treated as in the first Attack; with this Difference, that as Relapses are attended with less Heat and Inflammation, Bleeding, especially in the Fit, must be used with more Caution, or altogether omitted, and Vomits may be given with greater Freedom. And, as they happen mostly in a cooler Season, they do not threaten such immediate Destruction, and consequently may be longer trusted without the Bark, if you are disposed to attempt a Cure by other Methods; though that Remedy must never be delayed when the Fits are violent or protracted. In this Manner the Patient must be content to go on till the Turn of the Year alters the Constitution of his Body, and restores him to his former Health.

It has been insinuated by some, that a long continued Use of of the Bark, was liable to bring on nervous Complaints and Lowspiritedness: But in the Multitude of Cases, wherein I have been obliged to make Use of

CHAP. it, I have not been able to discover that it
 III. had these or any other ill Effects, when
 given in the Manner abovementioned. And
 as to its occasioning Dropsies, I do not remember to have met with above one Instance these ten Years, where there was a Possibility of alledging it gave Rise to that Distemper.

It is not uncommon for a Looseness to come on in the room of a Relapse. Sometimes instead of a Tertian, a Quartan supervenes; which nevertheless may be speedily taken off by the Bark; but if left to Nature alone, it will probably continue to the Spring; or perhaps first turn to a double Quartan, and afterward to a triple Quartan; which, as CELSUS observes, is a dangerous Distemper *.

With respect to the Tertians, which now and then appear at other Times of the Year, they are more of a chronick Disposition than

* Lib. iii. c. xv.

those of the Summer and Autumn; the cold CHAP.
Fits being longer, the hot Fits less severe, III.
and the Intermissions more regular and perfect. Add to this, that they are not so commonly attended with critical Eruptions about the Mouth; nor do the Sick discharge such Quantities of Gall either upwards or downwards; and the Urine oftener deposites a lateritious Sediment: But so far is this Sediment from being the *Criterion* of Intermit- tents, that I have frequently seen it in Pleurifies, and other inflammatory Fevers; while in both Tertians and Quartans, I have, for the most Part, found the Urine clear without any Separation; and in Tertians the Sediment was oftner more like Chalk than Brick-dust.

Thus have I given the History of these Fevers, collected from an almost infinite Number of Cases, carefully minuted in the Chambers of the Sick, without trusting to Memory, or regarding what others had said on the Subject before me, or advancing any thing, but from reiterated Ex-

CHAP. amination. And the Observations relating to
 III. the Cure, which are by much the most material, have been confirmed again and again by the Experience of all who have practised Physic with Attention, among either the *English* or *Spanish* Inhabitants of *Minorca*; so that I am in hopes these Remarks, will not be altogether useless to the Publick. It is well known, that contagious intermit- tent, and remittent Fevers of the Tertian Kind, are anniversary Distempers in several of the warmer Climates both in *Europe*, *Africa* and *America*; and even in the Northern Parts of *Europe*, they are often epidemical after extraordinary hot dry Summers *. By all I have been able to learn of them from Authors, there is a great Analogy among them every where: And though in some Places they may require more or less copious Evacuations, than we find beneficial in *Mi-*

* HOFFM. Med. Rat. tom. iv. cap. iv. sect. i. SHORT'S History of the Weather, &c. Anno Domini 1237. 1540. 1558. 1574. 1652. 1657. 1669. WIN- TRINGHAM, Anno 1719, and VANSWIET. Comment. in Aph. BOERHAAV. 767.

norca, yet I am persuaded it may safely be laid down, as a general Rule in all Cases of Danger, to give the Bark liberally and without Hesitation about the third or fourth Period of the Disease, whether Evacuations have been previously used or not. Which Practice is agreeable to the Observations of the ablest and most experienced Physicians of different Nations; such as MORTON * and SYDENHAM † in *England*, BARTHOLIN ‡ in *Denmark*, HOFFMAN || in *Germany*, GEOFROY § in *France*, RODRIGUEZ **, and many others, in *Spain*, GUIDETTUS and BIANCHI in *Piedmont* ††, TORTI in *Modena* ††, MUSITANUS ||| in *Naples*, and TRAVERSARIUS §§ in *Pesaro*; nay even in

* Excercit. de morb. acut.

† Epist. respon. I.

‡ Ephemerid. German.

|| Med. Rat. tom. iv. § i. c i. obs. 5.

§ Mater. Med. tom. ii.

** Palæstr. Med. tom. ii. Disc. 12.

†† Hist. Hep. part iii.

†† Therapeut. special. Sparsum.

||| Pyretolog. c. xxiii.

§§ Apud Lancis. l. ii. epid. iv. c. viii.

CHAP. *Aere Romano*, where BEGLIVI declaimed
 III. against the Use of the Bark with so much
 Passion, LANCISI * has of late Years, as well
 as the Cardinal de LUGO † and Father FA-
 BRI ‡ formerly, had incontestable Proofs of
 its being not only an innocent, but a necessary,
 powerful Remedy in the Cure of Tertian
 Fevers.

* Epid. Sparfim.

† Antym Conyg. pulv. peruv. vind.

‡ Id. Ibid.





CHAP. IV.

Of the Rash, Effere, and Cholera Morbus.

HAVING given an Account of CHAP. IV.
Tertian Fevers, which was the chief
Design of this Treatise, I shall endeavour to
bring my Remarks on the other epidemical
Diseases, into as narrow Bounds as possible,
by passing over such Circumstances, as are
taken Notice by the Generality of Au-
thors.

The cutaneous Eruption which we call
the Rash, or prickly Heat, is the *Sudamina*
or *Papulæ Sudoris* of the *Romans*, and the
Ιδρωα of HIPPOCRATES*, who justly
places it among the Summer Diseases; it be-
ing so frequent in warm Countries, that few

* Aphor. § iii. N°. 21.

People

CHAP. People escape having more or less of it during
IV. the hot Weather; though Children are
much more affected by it than others. It
consists of numerous minute Pimples, or rather small, round, red Spots, just perceivable by the Touch, as a Kind of Roughness on the Skin, which break out on different Parts of the Body, especially after Exercise or drinking cold Water.

This Eruption is commonly looked upon as a Sign of Health; and indeed while it continues fresh on the Skin, no Inconveniency arises from it except a frequent Itching: But if accidentally the Pimples are driven in, by catching Cold, bathing in the Sea, or any other Error in the Non-naturals, the Case too often becomes dangerous. And I have constantly observed, that those who had a great deal of this Eruption in the Summer, were subject either to Fluxes, Hæmorrhages from the Nose, or Fevers, upon the Alteration of Weather about the autumnal Equinox. Wherefore, I commonly advised them, as soon as the slightest Signs of
a Re-

a Retrocession appeared (such as Sickneſs, CHAP. Head-ach, and preternatural Heat) to loſe IV. ſome Blood immediately, and make uſe of } mild Cartharticks, vegetable Food, and cooling adeſcent Liquors: By which Means, the bad Conſequences abovementioned, if I am not greatly deceived, have been frequently prevented, notwithſtanding the vulgar Prejudices againſt Evacuations in this and other ſimilar Caſes.

The *Effere*, ſo called by the *Arabians* who firſt deſcribed them, though not uncommon in *Minorca*, appear much more ſeldom than the *Raſh*. They are hard, flat Tubercles, of a pale Colour and different Forms, and break out chiefly while one is warm in Bed, ſometimes on one Part, ſometimes on another, occaſioning ſuch an intolerable Itching, that it is impoſſible to refrain from ſcratching, and the more they are rubbed the larger they become. They ſeldom continue out above an Hour or two at a Time, but ſuddenly vaniſh of themſelves, the Skin recovering its natural Colour, and come back again

CHAP. again as unexpectedly as they went off; the
 IV. Patient having more or less Anxiety about
 ~~~~~ the Pit of the Stomach, during the Time of  
 their disappearing. The *Spaniards* call them  
*Ronchados*, from *Roncho* a Nettle in the *Cas-*  
*tilian* Language, they having exactly the  
 Appearance of Swellings occasioned by the  
 Sting of Nettles: In *Minorca* they go by the  
 Name of *Favas*, probably from their fre-  
 quently resembling Beans, in Shape and  
 Magnitude.

It is commonly allowed by Authors, and  
 not without Reason, that those who have  
 this Sort of Eruption, should make use of  
 Bleeding, Purging, and proper Alteratives;  
 otherwise a Fever is liable to ensue\*.

The *Effere*, as has been already observed,  
 often accompany Tertian Fevers, and ap-  
 pear most commonly in the hot Fit. Some-  
 times I have seen them so numerous that  
 the whole Body was disfigured by them, and

\* Vid. Sennert. lib. v. part i. cap. xxvi.



painted in many Places with all the Colours of CHAP.  
 the Rain-bow. In a few such Instances, which IV.  
 contrary to Expectation proved suddenly }  
 mortal, the Patient's Death seemed to be  
 occasioned by these fiery Pustles, being acci-  
 dentally thrown upon the Brain, instead of  
 the Skin. For which Reason, wherever I  
 met with them in great Abundance, I took  
 Care to make as liberal Evacuations as the  
 Strength and Age of the Patient would per-  
 mit, and proceeded speedily to give the Bark;  
 which effectually cures both them and the  
 Fever.

As to the *Cholera Morbus*, it must be ma-  
 naged according to the Method first hinted  
 by HIPPOCRATES\*, and of late described  
 more fully by SYDENHAM†. To which I  
 must add, that if Feverish Complaints, or  
 fixed Pains in the Belly or Sides come on,  
 after the Evacuation is stopt, (as is frequently

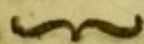
\* Cholerae morbo conferunt, si quidem dolor adfit,  
 anodyna; venter autem superior, tum inferior, potioni-  
 bus humectantibus curandus.

HIP. de Affect.

† De Morb. Acut. § iv. c. ii.



CHAP. the Case) it will be necessary to bleed and  
 IV. keep the Belly open.



The *Spanish* Physicians have often assured me, that they found nothing more beneficial in violent deplorable *Choleras* than drinking of cold Water. Which Practice is recommended by many of the Ancients \*.

When the *Cholera Morbus* returns periodically, like a Tertian, it must be cured as these Fevers are ; but it denounces much more Danger when it attends the Fits about the third or fourth Period, than it does in the Beginning of the Disease.

\* Sin autem omnia antiqua stercore dejecta fuerint, et biliosi humores transierint, biliosusque, vomitus et distentio adfit, fastidium, anxietas, virium labefactatio, tunc frigida aquæ Cyathi duo aut tres propinandi sunt ad ventris astrictionem, ut retrogradus humorum cursus cohibeatur, atque stomachus ardens refrigeretur. Assidue vero id, quum potam aquam vomuerit, facito.

Aret. Cappad. de curat. M. A. l. ii. c. iv.

See likewise Cæl. Aurel. de morb. acut. l. iii. c. xxi.





## CHAP. V.

### *Of the Dysentery.*

BY perusing the Accounts which I CHAP.  
V.  
kept of the Sick, while Dysenteries  
were epidemical in *Minorca*, I find that they  
began three different Ways.

*First*; Sharp indigested Humours flowing from the Stomach, or (what seems to be more frequently the Case) an increased Secretion of the Bile and other Liquids necessary for Chylification, produce a simple Looseness; which gradually washes off the *Mucus* from the Intestines, erodes their Membranes, and at last brings on severe Gripes with bloody Stools.

*Secondly*, Others are seized with *Hor-  
rors, Rigors*, and all the Train of feverish  
Q Symptoms



Symptoms, which commonly attend the first  
CHAP. Attack of *acute* Diseases; and in a short  
V. Time afterwards, a painful frequent Evacua-  
tion of Slime, streaked with Blood, ensues.

*Thirdly*, Others have no preceding Fever, but are seized at first with a Twisting of the Guts, which (as they express it) draws up their Bowels into Knots; and many instead of griping Pains, which shift from Place to Place, and come at Intervals, have acute fixed ones in some particular Part of the Belly, which occasion Complaints as various as their Seat; some being tormented with Stitches about the bastard Ribs, interrupting their breathing freely, as in the Pleurisy; others with a Pain reaching from the one *Hypochondrium* to the other, cutting them, as it were, in two; while others complain only of a Pain about the *Pelvis*, with a constant, fruitless, Straining to Stool; though the Body is, for the most Part, costive, or discharges nothing but bloody Slime.

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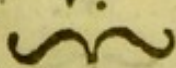
But in whichsoever of these Ways Dyfen-CHAP:  
teries begin, in Process of Time the Case V.  
comes to be pretty much the same; the In-  
testines are irritated, inflamed, and ulcerated;  
a Fever, for the most Part, of the periodical  
Kind comes on; the constant *Stimulus* in  
the Bowels diminishes the cutaneous Dis-  
charges; and, of course, a greater Propor-  
tion of Fluids is thrown upon the Guts; the  
Flux increases, and what is discharged be-  
comes more ichorous, and offensive to the  
Smell; the Strength decays; and Death, or  
a tedious Recovery, is commonly the Conse-  
quence.

Upon opening the Bodies of the Dead, I  
have constantly found the great Guts either  
entirely mortified, or partly inflamed, partly  
mortified, the *Rectum* being generally most  
affected: in many I have seen scirrhous Tu-  
bercles straitening the Cavity of the *Colon* in  
several Places; in a few, there were small  
Abscesses in the cellular Membrane of the *Pe-  
ritoneum* contiguous to the *Colon* and *Rectum*;



CHAP. Sometimes the small Guts were perfectly  
V. found in Appearance; but more frequently  
~~~~~ their lower Part was inflamed, the Con-  
volutions being often preternaturally con-
nected to each other by Membranes, as the
Lungs sometimes are to the *Pleura*. In two
People the *Omentum* was almost intirely
wasted (the small Remains of it being quite
black) while purulent Water was found in
the Cavity of the *Abdomen*; in several it was
inflamed and adhered both to the Guts and
Peritoneum; for the most Part the Gall-
Bladder was full of dark Bile, and the Spleen,
more or less, in a putrid Condition.

Almost all the Dysenteries, which fell un-
der my Observation, unless they were speedi-
ly cured in the Beginning, at best proved ob-
stinate, and too frequently fatal, in spite of
the many boasted Specificks for this Dis-
temper; for which Reason, whenever they
are epidemical, the utmost Diligence should
be used in applying the proper Remedies
before the Strength of the Patient be ex-
hausted, and the Coats of the Intestines
too

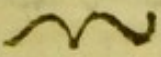
too much injured. And even let the utmost CHAP.
Care be taken of them never so early, the V.
Event is often dubious or unsuccessful; tho' 
among the common Soldiers this seems frequently to be owing to a want of Means for keeping them clean, and Conveniences for easing themselves, without being obliged to get often out of Bed, and expose their Bodies to the open Air. Which Conveniences it were to be wished, that those who have the Direction of our Fleets and Armies would order to be provided both in the Ships and Hospitals.

I shall not enter upon a minute Description of all the Rules necessary to be observed in the Cure of Dysenteries; but only to point out such Methods of treating the Sick, as Experience taught me to be most beneficial.

When they begin like a simple *Diarrhæa* without Fever or fixed Pains in the Belly, the first Thing to be done, is to empty the Intestines of their acrimonious Contents as

CHAP. soon as possible : And the most efficacious
V. Remedies for this Purpose, as far as I know,
~ are the *Radix Ipecacuanhæ*, and the *Vitrum*
Antimonii Ceratum. The latter, I used to give
from five to ten Grains early in the Morn-
ing : Of the former, I directed ten or fifteen
Grains in Powder, to be divided into three
Doses, and to be taken in the Forenoon at
the Interval of two Hours, or an Hour and
a half between each Dose. The most com-
mon Effect of both was to procure a thorough
Evacuation upwards and downwards during
the Day ; and they often threw the Patient
into a Sweat the ensuing Night.

The same Remedies I have likewise found
to be serviceable in obstinate Relapses of in-
termittent Fevers : But I prefer the *Ipeca-*
cuanha, as being certain in its Operation ;
whereas the other sometimes did not pro-
duce the intended Discharge, at other Times
occasioned greater Commotions than were
expected. Nevertheless, I must acknow-
ledge that now and then, in desperate
Bloody-Fluxes, I have known the antimonial
Medi-

Medicine to be successful, after every thing CHAP.
else had been tried to no Purpose. But I V.
return to the Method of curing them in the 
Beginning.

At first I repeat the abovementioned Evacu-
uations every other Day for three or four
Times, and afterwards, at greater Intervals,
if the Disease continues; endeavouring, in
the mean while, by proper Drinks, to blunt
the Acrimony in the first Passages, and de-
fend their sensible Membranes from being
eroded; and every Night at Bed-time, I give
a small Dose of Opium, sufficient to mitigate
Pain, procure Rest, and promote Perspi-
ration, without keeping the Sick in a con-
stant State of Stupidity, or preventing a due
Discharge by Stool; as I have seen some
do very injudiciously by the too liberal Use of
Anodynes.

But when the Dysentery began in the se-
cond or third Way above described, which
was commonly the Case in the Year 1747,
I confided principally in the early Use of

CHAP. the antiphlogistick Method, with a View to
V. hinder the Guts from being farther inflamed
and ulcerated. Wherefore, when I was called in Time to young People, I took away ten or twelve Ounces of Blood immediately, and afterwards repeated the Operation once or twice at proper Intervals, according as the Violence of Pain and Degree of Fever indicated: At the same Time I ordered emollient Glysters and Fomentations to be frequently made use of; and plenty of warm, soft, diluent Liquors, for common Drink; shunning *Opium* as much as the intolerable Torture of the Distemper would permit.

As soon as the Fever was somewhat abated, and the Violence of the Pains asswaged, I next endeavoured to procure a sufficient Discharge by Stool. For it is to be observed, that wherever the *Ilium*, *Colon*, or *Rectum* are inflamed, hardened Excrements are, for the most Part, either the Cause or the Consequence of the Disease; nor can we hope for a compleat Recovery while such offensive Matter remains in the Bowels;

Bowels ; wherefore Purgatives of the mildest CHAP.
Kind may first be made use of, such as V.
Whey, weak Broth, sweet Oil, Solution }
of *Manna*, *Cremor Tartari*, &c. proceeding
by Degrees to the more active, till the End
proposed be obtained ; after the same Manner
as we are directed to do, in SYDENHAM's bi-
lious Cholick ; which indeed is a Disease nearly
allied to the Dysenteries I am now treating
of, and is always frequent at the Time they
are epidemical. In both Cases, when other
Means have failed, six or seven Grains of
Calomel with a Grain of *Opium* at Night,
after the Use of the *Semicupium*, and a
purging Apozem made of *Senna*, *Manna*,
and *Sal Catharticum* the next Day, have
proved successful, and brought off a pro-
digious Quantity of round, hard, foetid Lumps,
to the great Relief of the Patient ; nor is
it easy to conceive how so much had been
collected, or where it had lodged so long,
as in some Cases I have observed ; the Pa-
tient having eat nothing for two or three
Weeks, that could furnish much Excrement,
and during that Time had taken several Glyf-
ters

CHAP. ters and common Catharticks, which brought
 V. away liquid Stools.

Having by such Methods removed the Inflammation of the Intestines, and dislodged their irritating Contents, the Tenderness of the Bowels must be mitigated by Anodynes, and the Use of such Medicines, as supply the Want of the intestinal *Mucus*.

By these Means, Dysenteries, if taken in Time, have been speedily carried off; as well as the *Tenesmus*, which is a Disease very nearly allied to the former, and equally fatal, whatever CELSUS may alledge * to the contrary: But if they were neglected in the Beginning, or did not soon yield to the Remedies above-mentioned, the Case commonly became inveterate and perplexing; the same Medicine which gave Relief to one, often doing Harm to another, as HOFFMAN justly observes †. In general it answered best to

* De Med. lib. iv c. xxi.

† Med. Rat. t. vi. § ii. c. vii.

avoid such Diet as would afford a large Quantity of putrid, irritating Excrement; to drink plentifully of mild gentle deterfive Balsamicks; to give Liquids of the same Kind in Glysters; in short to pursue with Diligence the Directions given us by the great BOERHAAVE in his Aphorisms* with this Addition, that it was absolutely necessary to give *Opium* twice a Day, in order to obtain some Respite from perpetual Torment, and gradually to increase the Dose, from half a Grain to five or six, as Use made it familiar; and once or twice a Week or oftener, as the Strength would allow, and the Symptoms indicated, to hinder the acrid Matter from being accumulated in the Intestines by giving Glysters, Catharticks, or small Doses of *Ipecacuanha*.

If by these Means the Patient can be kept alive during the first severe Winter Weather, he stands a good Chance of holding out to

* N°. 966. 976.

CHAP. the Summer, which commonly restores him
V. to his former Health, when he must be
weaned by Degrees from the Use of *Opium* ;
from the Continuance of which Medicine, in
such Cases, I have never found any ill Effects
ensue ; on the contrary, I could name many
People who have been obliged to take it in
this Manner from *September* to the following
June ; and as far as I am able to judge, it is
to the *Opium* they are chiefly indebted for
their Lives, and the perfect Health they at pre-
sent enjoy.

The great Similitude there is in many Res-
pects between Tertian Fevers and Dysen-
teries, induced me frequently to make Use of
the Bark in the last named Disease. When
the Fever and Gripes were regularly exas-
perated, either every Day or every other
Day at stated Periods, it has often effectually
put a Stop to both ; especially if the Exa-
cerbation began with Chillness, and termi-
nated in Sweats : At other Times it removed
the Fever, the Flux continuing without
much Alteration. In some Cases I have
given

given it merely with a View to prevent the CHAP.
Mortification of the Intestines in the last V.
Stage of the Distemper: But I am sorry to
say it was seldom so successful as I could
have wished.





CHAP. VI.

Of the Pleurisy and other inflammatory Fevers, frequent in the Winter and Spring.

CHAP. VI. **T**HE anniversary epidemical Fevers in *Minorca* may be divided into two Classes, which at present, for Distinction's Sake, we shall call the Summer and the Winter Fevers. The former break out in *June* or *July*, and cease about *January*, or somewhat sooner. The latter seldom appear before *November*, and are rarely seen after the Summer Solstice; so that the one seems to be the Offspring of excessive Heat; the other of the sudden Cold, which the North Winds frequently occasion. And as the same Sort of Weather recurs regularly every Summer and Autumn; so likewise do the Diseases: Whereas those of the Winter and Spring, agreeable to the variable Disposition of these Seasons,

Seasons, are neither so uniform nor so cer- CHAP.
tain; being some Years more frequent in VI.
one Month, others in another. The Sum-
mer Fevers are by much the most uni-
versal, making up two Thirds, or some-
times three Fourths of the whole annual
Diseases; and attacking the Inhabitants of
every Rank, whether Natives or Foreigners,
without Distinction: Whereas the others
are less injurious to the *English* than to the *Spa-
niards*; and especially to the Peasants, whose
Houses are commonly built upon rising
Grounds, and not so well adapted for keep-
ing out the piercing Cold of the Winter, as
sheltering them from the Summer's Heat;
so that I have known particular Corners of
the Country almost depopulated, while the
Towns and Villages escaped any remarkable
Mortality.

Both these Classes of Fevers, and indeed
almost all others which happen in that Cli-
mate, whether primary or symptomatic-
cal Diseases, may be termed periodical,
having Remissions at Intervals, more or less
confi-

CHAP. considerable : But those of the Summer, as
 VI. has been already observed, generally assume
 some one or other of the tertian Types, be-
 ing worse one Day and better the next al-
 ternately : Whereas the Winter Fevers, tho'
 they often counterfeit Tertians, especially in
 their Beginning, yet for the most part
 have Exacerbations equally strong every
 Day, coming on about Noon with or with-
 out cold Shiverings, and terminating towards
 Morning, sometimes with gentle Sweats,
 sometimes without any sensible Evacua-
 tion.

It may likewise be remarked, that as the
 Summer Fevers are generally complicated
 with Fluxes and painful Obstructions in the
Chylopoetick Viscera ; so are those of the
 Winter, with Coughs, Catarrhs, and topical
 Inflammations of the vital Organs, the Brain,
 the Lungs, the Heart itself ; and hence it is
 that the latter are more destructive in pro-
 portion to their Numbers. Notwithstanding
 which, as the former are much more constant
 and universal, if we calculate one Year with
 another,

another, we shall find that “ the Autumn CHAP.
 “ produces the most acute and most fatal VI.
 “ Diseases of any Season; and the Pa-
 “ roxysms in the Evenings bear some Re-
 “ semblance to it. For as the Day of any
 “ particular Disease, is to the Year that con-
 “ tains the Period or Circle of Diseases; so
 “ is the Paroxysm in the Evening to the
 “ Autumn*.” And indeed the Conformity
 between such of these Diseases as are de-
 scribed in the Hippocratical Writings and the
 Appearance of them at this Day in Climates
 near the Latitude of *Greece*, will be abun-
 dantly evident to every one who considers
 the preceding Account with any Degree of
 Attention.

Having premised these general Reflec-
 tions, in order to give the clearest Idea
 I can of the Winter Fevers, I shall de-
 scribe them as they appeared during the last
 Month of the Year 1745, and the first Part

* HIP. de Morb. Vulg. l. ii.

CHAP. of 1746, when the uncommon Destruction
 VI. they made among the *English*, rendered
 ~~~~~ them more immediately the Object of my  
 Attention ; And as the Generality of them is  
 called *Mal de Costat* by the Vulgar, and the  
*Pleurisy* by Physicians, from their being ac-  
 companied with Pains in the Side, I have,  
 in Compliance to prevailing Custom, retained  
 that Name in the Title of this Chapter, tho'  
 it will appear in the Sequel, that they ought  
 rather to be termed Peripneumonies, agree-  
 able to the Observations of ZECHIUS\*, HOFF-  
 MAN †, and others.

These Pleurifies began commonly like an  
 Ague Fit, with shivering and shaking, fly-  
 ing Pains all over the Body, bilious Vomitings  
 and Purgings, which were soon succeeded by  
 quick Breathing, immoderate Thirst, in-  
 ward Heat, Head-ach, and other feverish  
 Symptoms. In a few Hours the Respiration  
 became more difficult and laborious ; the

\* Apud Bonet. Sepulchr. Anat. lib. ii. § iv.

† Med. Rat. tom. iv. § ii. cap. vi.



most Part of the Sick being seized with Stitches in their Sides, striking upwards to the Clavicle, and Shoulder Blade; obliquely downwards along the Cartilages of the bastard Ribs; or else darting across from the Breast-Bone to the *Vertebræ* of the Back; so that they could neither cough, nor make a full Inspiration without great Pain. Many complained chiefly of a Load and Oppression in their Breast, as if a Mill-stone had been laid upon it; some of a Heaviness and fluttering about the Heart, which at one Time seemed to glow with extraordinary Heat, at another to be chilled with Cold, as if it had been dipt in Ice-Water. In a few of the Sick, these Complaints preceded the Fever, in others they did not come on till the Day after.

In the Progress of the Disease, it was not uncommon for the Pains to move about in the Thorax from one Place to another. Sometimes they would shift from the Breast to the Limbs, and of a sudden return to the Bowels; and I have seen Cases wherein after



CHAP. leaving one Side, they have attacked the  
VI. other unexpectedly, and proved fatal in a very  
short Time. The left Side of the *Thorax* was  
not near so liable to be affected as the  
other; forty-two out of sixty Patients who  
were seized about the same Time, having  
had the Disease in the right. But which  
soever Side was affected, the Sick lay easiest  
on the opposite; though the Generality were  
obliged to lie upon their Backs, or to sit up  
in Bed with their Heads erect. Many were  
drowzy and inclinable to sleep, but they  
raved at Intervals, or were much disturbed  
with extravagant Dreams. Some laughed  
in their Sleep; others would awake in a  
Fright and start out of Bed, imagining that  
the House was in Flames; that those about  
them were endeavouring to push them over  
a Precipice; to pierce their Sides with Daggers;  
to bind them down with Cords, or iron  
Hoops, and Things of the like Nature.

In the mean Time, the external Heat of the  
Body was in several very moderate; in some less  
than natural; but for the most part it was so in-  
tense



tense as to raise the Mercury in FARENHEIT'S CHAP. VI. Thermometer to the 102d Degree, and often in the Afternoon to the 104th. The Pulse was likewise very variable, not only in different Persons, but in the same at different Times, and, in respect to its Strength, in different Arms, that of the pained Side being most obscure; and I have frequently found it like that of a Man in Health, or even slower than natural \*, while the Patient was in the greatest Danger; so that it could neither be depended upon as a prognostick Sign, nor as an Indication of Cure. Nor was the Colour or Consistence of the Blood more to be trusted; in many it had a white or pale yellow Crust, the *Serum* being of the same Complexion; but for the most part it was red and florid. It frequently changed its Appearance, in the Space of a few Hours,

\* *Pulsum in Pleuritide minus celerem, aut fortem (febre tamen acutâ in summo vigore nihilominus subsistente) sæpius notavi: Pulsûs igitur celeritas & magnitudo non semper cum febre inflammatoriâ sociantur.—Qui in pleuræ aut pulmonum inflammationibus, pulsui nimium fidunt, decipiuntur, &c. &c.*

O'Connel de Morb. Acut. p. 235.



CHAP. in the same Person; what was drawn in the  
VI. Morning having a Crust; that in the After-  
noon none, *et vice versa*. And I could  
never positively determine which Sort afford-  
ed the best or the worst Prognostick. The  
Signs from which one could pronounce the  
Patient's Recovery, with the most Certainty,  
were his being able to sleep sound in the natural  
Posture, and to make a full Inspiration with-  
out Difficulty, while his Thirst and inward  
Heat were moderate.

Beside some Abatement of the Fever,  
which commonly happened every Morning,  
it was remarkable, that upon the third Day or  
beginning of the fourth, there was frequently  
a great Remission, sometimes a total Cessa-  
tion of every violent Symptom; so that the  
Sick were thought to be out of Danger: But  
on the fourth or fifth a Delirium suddenly  
came on, or the Breathing became more dif-  
ficult than ever, and one or both of these  
Symptoms encreasing hourly, the Patient ex-  
pired in a Day or two, either suffocated or  
raving mad: Unless, Nature or Art assist-  
ing,



ing, he had the good Fortune to escape by CHAP.  
means of some of the Evacuations to be VI.  
hereafter mentioned. It sometimes happened  
that the remarkable Remission fell out on  
one of the Days between the fourth and the  
seventh; in which Case the Exacerbation  
succeeded on the following Day.

Out of one and twenty Patients, whom I  
lost by this Distemper, four died upon the  
fourth Day; three the fifth Day; three the  
sixth; three the seventh; three the eighth;  
two the eleventh; one the fourteenth; and  
the remaining two, though the Day cannot  
positively be determined, yet from some  
Circumstances, it is evident, it must have  
been the fourth or fifth. And indeed such  
was the rapid Progress of these mortal Pleu-  
ries, that if any of them survived the se-  
venth Day, it seemed to be entirely owing  
to Bleeding.

I examined fourteen of the Bodies, in all  
which the Lungs were principally affected;  
whilst in several the *Pleura* was perfectly  
sound, or only slightly attached to the Lungs,



CHAP. which is a common Case in Adults, as every  
 VI. one knows, who is accustomed to Dis-  
 sections. In many, the Lungs were con-  
 verted into a hard Liver-like Substance and,  
 sunk in Water; in some the Diaphragm was  
 inflamed; in others, large, firm *Polypi*  
 were taken out of the Ventricles of the  
 Heart and large Vessels adjoining. Abscesses,  
 or rather half formed Abscesses, with a sanious  
*Ichor*, and a rotten gelatinous Substance, in-  
 stead of concocted Matter were frequently  
 found, even in those who died so early as  
 the fourth Day, either in the Lungs, or be-  
 tween the Lungs and *Pleura*, where they ad-  
 hered, or between the Membranes of the  
*Mediastinum*, near the Diaphragm. And  
 these Abscesses had sometimes emptied them-  
 selves into the Cavity of the *Thorax*, so that  
 the Lungs floated in purulent *Serum*; their  
 external Membrane, and likewise the *Pleura*,  
 being greatly thickened and converted, as it  
 were, into a white Crust\*, like melted Tal-  
 low

\* I am now doubtful if this Crust was the *Pleura*  
 and external Coat of the Lungs, changed from a natural  
 State by soaking in a purulent Fluid, or if it was not alto-  
 gether



low grown cold, part of them being eroded and detached from the rest. In some Bodies the *Pericardium* was full of purulent *Serum*, its internal Membrane and the outer Surface of the Heart being affected in the same Manner as I have just now described those of the Lungs and *Pleura*. In two People whose Heads were examined, the *Sinuses* of the *Dura Mater* were stuffed and distended with Blood, the Membrane itself being sound, and the *Pia Mater*, together with

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gether a preternatural Substance, formed by Fluids deposited on these Membranes, and compacted together by the Motion of the Lungs; for I have lately been informed by Mr. HUNTER, that, in those who die of internal Inflammations, he generally finds the Surface of the Cavities, and the Bowels furred over, as it were, with a thick Slough of an Ash Colour, somewhat inclining to yellow, which he has had an Opportunity of observing in all the different Degrees of Consistence, between a soft *Mucus* slightly adhering to the Parts, and a solid fibrous *Lamella*, so closely attached to them that at first View they appeared to be inseparably united: Yet after Maceration in Water, he could peel off the whole of this Slough from the smooth, sound, natural Membrane which it covered. This Observation confirms HALLER's Opinion, that the membranous Adhesions, so frequently met with between the Lungs and *Pleura*, are generally formed by the Coagulation of the watry Fluid which oozes from the exhalant Vessels of these Parts. See Lin. Prim. Physiolog. N<sup>o</sup> 262.

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CHAP. the *Plexus Choroides*, was inflamed and much  
 VI. thicker than in a natural State.

In one Person, whom I imagined to have died of a Pleurisy, the Lungs and *Pleura* were found; but there were *Polypi* in the Heart, the Diaphragm was inflamed, and a large Abscess was found in the right Lobe of the Liver, which had discharged itself into the *Abdomen*, where much purulent stinking Matter was collected, Part of the *Colon* and Teguments near the Liver being sphacelated, the rest of the Guts inflamed, adhering to each other, and beginning to mortify. This Man, for the first four Days of his Distemper, had no great Pain; on the fifth and sixth Day it became violent; after this he expectorated freely, which gave Hopes of Recovery to the twelfth, when he died contrary to Expectation, putting me in mind of a Prognostick in \* HIPPOCRA-

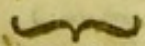
\* Quibus autem pleuriticis, dolores initio mites sunt, ingravescent autem quinto aut sexto facile ad duodecimum usque perveniunt; ac raro illi servantur.

Prænot. coac.

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TES, which seemed to be applicable to his CHAP.  
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Among the natural Evacuations which terminated these Pleurifies, the most frequent was a plentiful Expectoration, without hard Coughing. When this Discharge began early, and continued freely, it kept off or mitigated the dangerous Symptoms so liable to come on about the fourth or fifth Day, and the Fever disappeared about the seventh: But if the Spitting did not begin before the Exacerbation of the fourth or fifth Day, it often proved insufficient to save the Patient. If he did recover, the Fever seldom left him before the fourteenth Day, and frequently continued much longer.

HIPPOCRATES \* describes the Colour and Consistence of the expectorated Matter, which generally prognosticates Death or Recovery: But at the same time he takes care to inform us, that every Sort of Spitting

\* Prænot. coac.



CHAP. which does not remove the Pain, is bad ;  
VI. and every Sort that does remove it is  
good : The latter Part of which Remark I  
have seen verified in some who owed their  
Lives to that Evacuation, though the Mat-  
ter was always thin, crude, and ill-co-  
loured.

The next critical Discharge to be men-  
tioned, is a copious Efflux of Urine, which  
soon after being made, turns thick, and is ei-  
ther of a pale red, letting fall a lateritious Sedi-  
ment, or milky, as if mixed with laudable  
*Pus*, and deposited an equal smooth white  
one. Such Urine alone terminated the Dis-  
ease in some ; and in many it proved an  
Assistant to the Expectoration.

Sweats were common in these Pleurisies :  
in the Beginning indeed, they were oftener  
symptomatical than critical : But after the  
Obstruction of the Head and Breast were  
removed by the Evacuations abovementioned,  
they seldom failed of coming on to abate the  
Fever, and compleat the Cure. And tho'  
they



they did not always fall out on the critical CHAP.  
Days, yet it is remarkable, that those which VI.  
were most profuse, and brought about the }  
greatest Changes, really happened on the 4,  
7, 9, 11, 14, 17, and 21st Day, much  
more frequently than on others. Which is  
a Circumstance I had not always attended to,  
though I find from my Notes it is a true  
one.

It was common for these Diseases to begin with a Vomiting and Purging of green or yellow bilious Matter : But there were few Instances where either of these Evacuations could be reckoned critical, except in one Man who laboured under a dry Pleurisy with crude Urine, and had got to the eleventh Day, with the utmost Difficulty, when a purging of porraceous Bile came on, and gave a Turn to the Distemper, which afterwards went off gradually by Sweat and Expectoration.

One Person who had a violent Pleurisy in the right Breast, and had been four Times  
bled,



CHAP. bled, was seized with a Hæmorrhage from  
VI. the right Nostril on the seventh Day; and  
after losing four or five Ounces, a most profuse universal Sweat came on, and put him out of Danger.

Another Way which Nature took to relieve herself, was, by translating the morbid Matter from the Bowels to the Surface of the Body. In three People the Disease was, immediately after its Invasion, changed into the erysipelatous Fever described by SYDENHAM, and was cured as he directs. In seven or eight, the second or third Day the Fever and all other Complaints vanished, an *Erysipelas* appearing on the inferior Extremities; which in some fell lower and lower every Hour, and soon made its Exit by the Toes; in others, being more of the Nature of a *Phlegmon*, it settled in one of the Legs, and formed an Abscess; which degenerated into Fistulous Ulcers, and proved very difficult to be cured.

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By reflecting upon these Cases, and consi-  
dering that an *Erysipelas* of the Bowels would  
spread from Place to Place inwardly, as it  
does on the Skin; I could account for several  
Appearances in the predominant Distempers,  
which at first seemed somewhat extraordinary;  
such as the Inconstancy and Mutability of the Pains, and the frequent Alteration of the Pulse and Breathing, according as the morbid Matter shifted its Situation, and fixed upon different Organs, the Heart, the Lungs, the Midriff, or containing Membranes of the Thorax. And I imagined that the treacherous Remission, so frequent on the third or fourth Day, happened whilst the morbid Matter was shifting from the Breast; which after being re-assumed into the Mass of Blood, and falling upon the Head, or returning again to the Lungs, often occasioned tragical Effects.

When these Pleurisies first became epidemical, their quick Progress, and uncommon Mortality surprized me greatly. I attempted



CHAP. tempted to cure them by bleeding once or  
VI. twice a Day, if the Complaints were vio-  
lent, as I had always used to do in inflam-  
matory Fevers: But the Remissions in the  
Mornings sometimes induced me to omit the  
Operation; and the Cessation of the Symp-  
toms, which generally happened about the  
third Day, made me imagine the Danger  
was over; so that before the Patients were  
blooded above twice or three Times, the  
Exacerbation came on upon the fourth or  
fifth Days, and defeated all Attempts by  
Bleeding, Blistering, or otherwise to relieve  
them.

These unforeseen Events startled me great-  
ly, and led me again to Review the whole  
Progress of the Disease, its Symptoms, and  
Issue. I had observed that some escaped by  
Means of Expectoration and purulent Urine,  
without much Assistance from *Phlebotomy*:  
and considering the periodical Revolutions of  
the Fever, the quick Transition of the  
Stitches from one Part to another, together  
with the prevailing Colour of the Blood, as  
well



well as that of the Spitting, and other Ex- CHAP.  
cretions, I was apprehensive that these were VI.  
what Authors call bilious Pleurifies, which  
they alledge are exasperated by large Evacu-  
ations \* ; particularly DURETUS †, who ex-  
claims with great Vehemence against those  
Physicians who trust principally to Bleeding  
in the Cure of these Diseases, without wait-  
ing for the natural Evacuations. These Mo-  
tives induced me to use the Lancet with more  
Caution; and to rely chiefly on the speedy  
Application of Blisters for restraining the  
Symptoms. But this Management proved  
less successful than the former; and I was  
convinced in a short Time, that instead of  
too much, too little Blood had been taken  
away in the Beginning; having been some-  
times misled by the insidious Intervals of the  
Disease; at others having trusted too much

\* Ballon. Epid. Sparsim BIANCH. Hist. Hep. p. iii.  
§ viii. &c. BAGL. Prax. Med. l. i. c. ix. LANCIS.  
Epid. Rom. c. vi.

† O homines reipublicæ calamitosos atque funestos!  
ipsam pleuritidem, quæ sua sponte nullius operis indigens  
cum tali sputo quiesceret, ex eventu reddunt mortife-  
ram.

Duret. in Prænot. Coac.



CHAP. to the faint Attempts which Nature made to  
VI. relieve herself by Expectoration and Urine ;  
the latter often becoming crude on the fourth  
Day, as the Delirium advanced, though  
it had promised fair on the second or  
third ; the former frequently being check-  
ed about that Period of the Disease, by the  
immoderate Heat of the Lungs rendering  
the Matter viscid, globular, and not to be  
discharged, but with the utmost Difficulty.

I then began to bleed more plentifully,  
and repeated it so as to take away thirty or  
forty Ounces within the three first Days of  
the Distemper ; and endeavoured by bathing  
the Legs and blistering of them on the third  
Day, to prevent the fatal Symptoms from  
coming on about the fourth or fifth ; giving  
Nitre at the same Time liberally, and  
Camphire in small Doses, to promote the  
thinner Secretions. This Method succeeded  
well in several Cases ; Expectoration and  
Urine being thereby increased : But if  
they were not increased, the Commo-  
tions which arose on the fourth, fifth, or  
sixth Day, made it always necessary to have  
Recourse



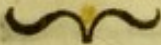
Recourse to Bleeding again, and more Blisters, CHAP.  
in order to relieve the Oppression of the VI.  
Head and Breast; And though for the most  
Part, the Patients did escape, yet they re-  
covered with Difficulty, and continued cough-  
ing, spitting, and sweating in the Nights,  
for several Weeks.

At last, about the middle of *March*, when the Disease raged with the utmost Fury, having found there was an absolute Necessity for bleeding largely without Delay in order to preserve Life, I began to put in Practice the following Method of Cure, which seldom or never failed, not only in young robust People, but even in those of a more advanced Age, provided I saw the Sick before the end of the third Day.

If I was called, for Example, in the Morning, the Patient was immediately laid in a horizontal Position, and bled at the Arm until his Pains abated, or he began to faint; neither of which commonly happened



CHAP. before 3xvi, 3xx, or 3xxiv were taken away:

VI. If the Symptoms continued, I ordered  
 about the same Quantity to be taken from the other Arm in the Afternoon, without regarding the Urine, Expectoration, or Appearance of the Blood. Next Morning though there might be a great Alteration for the better; yet, if there was the least room to suspect, that any Obstruction remained in the Head or Breast, the Bleeding was repeated: And by carefully weighing the Blood\*, I found, that between forty-eight and fifty-four Ounces were frequently taken away during the first four and twenty Hours of my Attendance. This sudden copious Evacuation, commonly procured a Cessation of all violent Symptoms, and afforded an Opportunity to give an Antiphlogistick Purge the next Day. But if the Symptoms did not cease; or if the Pains and Difficulty of Breathing returned the Day after the Purge had been given; or if there was Reason to suspect from the Head-ach,

\* In weighing the Blood I used the Island Weights, fourteen Ounces of which answer nearly to sixteen Ounces Averdupois.



Giddiness, Tingling of the Ears, and dis-  
turbed Rest, that the Brain was in Danger of  
being affected; I had again immediate Re-  
course to Bleeding, taking away at different  
Times to the Amount of  $\text{℥ xii}$ ,  $\text{℥ xviii}$ , or  
 $\text{℥ xxiv}$ , in the Space of a Day, either by the  
Lancet or cupping Glasses, or both, as occa-  
sion required; by which Means the impend-  
Storm was happily averted; and as soon as  
the Commotions were quelled, the Purgative  
was repeated every other Day for three Times,  
unless some of the critical Evacuations ap-  
peared with such visible good Effects, as ren-  
dered it unnecessary.

In this Manner, I found with SYDEN-  
HAM, that Pleurifies of the most fatal  
Tendency, might be happily cured in the  
Space of a few Days; and with as much  
Certainty as any Distemper whatever. And  
it was no less remarkable to observe, how  
quickly the Sick recovered their usual Health  
and Strength, notwithstanding the great Loss  
of Blood they had sustained; while many



CHAP. who had been bled more sparingly, continued  
VI. in a languid, infirm State for Months, without  
being able to get rid of the Cough and Pains  
in the Breast.

Hitherto I have only mentioned the capital Remedies made use of in the Cure of these Distempers. But it may not be improper to take Notice of some other collateral Helps, which were generally used in the several Ways of treating them above described.

In the first Place, the Sick had warm Barley-Water with Oxymel for common Drink; and nitrose antiphlogistick Medicines in the first Days of the Distemper; their Bellies being kept open with Clysters.

Oily Linctuses were exceeding useful in allaying the Cough; and small Doses of Anodynes were often necessary, both for that Purpose, and to procure Sleep when the Height of the Distemper was over.



If the Pleurisy began with a bilious Vomiting, it was expedient to promote that Evacuation by large Draughts of warm Water, in order to carry it off the sooner. CHAP. VI.

To ease the Pains in the Breast, the large leaves of the *Opuntia*, toasted in an Oven, and split through the Middle, were frequently applied: These being thick and succulent, retain the Heat a long Time, and produce all the good Effects that attend anodyne emollient Cataplasms and Fomentations; as I have frequently experienced in Tertian Fevers, Dysenteries, and other Diseases with inflamed Bowels, as well as in this Disease, since I first learned the Virtues of these Leaves, from the Natives of *Minorca*.

After Bleeding twice or thrice, Blisters laid upon the Part affected, were often successful in removing obstinate Stitches: But nothing affords such certain and immediate Relief, as the Scarificator and Cupping Glass; insomuch that among the many Trials I have



CHAP. had of them, I do not remember an In-  
 VI. stance, where they did not either carry off  
 the Complaint entirely, or mitigate it considerably : But my Glasses were both wider and deeper than those commonly used in *England*.

The Phrenies and Anginas, which now and then appeared during this Constitution, required the same Method of Cure : And as to the Chin-cough, which was so fatal to Children, the chief Difference between it and the Pleurisy seems to have been, that in the one the morbifick Matter was thrown into the Vesicles of the *Trachea* ; in the other, it stagnated in the Extremities of the pulmonary Arteries.

During the same Period of Time, catarrhal Fevers appeared among the Adults, attended with Coughs, Pains in the Head and Bones, and frequently a *Delirium* ; some of which suddenly terminated on the seventh Day by profuse Sweats ; but most of them had partial *Crisis* sooner, and went off by Degrees.

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When large Bleeding was neglected in the Beginning, they were liable to degenerate into Pleurifies. This was likewise the Case with the Tertian Fevers; and indeed it was remarkable, that not only all acute Diseases of this Season, but even accidental Hurts and Bruises required more plentiful Evacuations than ordinary; so inclinable was this Constitution of the Air to promote Inflammations.

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I shall conclude this Chapter with a Paragraph or two from some Letters, occasioned by the Pleurifies of which we have been speaking, in order to confirm what has been said on them by the Testimony of my Friend Dr. FONT, an eminent Physician of *Ciudadella*, in *Minorca*, who has deservedly enjoyed a most extensive Practice for upwards of thirty Years.

*Didaco FONT, M. D. G. C. S.*

—Novus annus funera densa produxit, grassante febre inflammatoriâ, quæ caput et organa respirationis potissimum afficit, modo pleuritis, modo peripneumonia, interdum phrenitis,



CHAP. phrenitis, interdum paraphrenitis adpellanda.

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Hic morbus, ut ut vehemens, largis et repetitis venæsectionibus, cum interpositâ catharsi, in herba felicissime jugulatur. Complures liberale sputum, sine multa sanguinis jacturâ, periculo eripuit. Nec defunt, quibus urinæ purulentæ Fluxus diu perseverans, salutis fuit. At, nisi istius modi auxilia mature accedant, væ ægris! nam postquam morbus per triduum impune sæviit, altasque egit radices, fero plerumque medicina paratur; et neque venæsectiones, neque epispastica, neque cucurbitulæ, neque pectoralia tantopere decantata, impedire valent, quo minus, juxta Hippocratis effatum, “ *Septimo die vel celerius succumbant, aut mente læsi, aut Orthopnæâ suffocati.*”

A te itaque peto, vir experientissime, ut dato otio, his quæsitis responsum præbeas.

Annon pleuritis morbus anniversarius in hâc insulâ, et quibus mensibus?

An



An semper febrem continuam, cum celeri CHAP. VI.  
pulsu, acri calore, &c. comitem sibi adsciscat?

An potius feбри periodicâ, remittente conjungatur.

Nonne tutius est, morbi resolutionem per venæsectiones, quamprimum tentare, quam Coctionem et crisin naturæ præstolari?

Ubi resolutio tendanda est, quâ mensurâ, et quibus intervallis, cruorem detrahère conveniat?

Datum Magone tertio die Maii, S. V.

Anno MDCCXLVI.

*G. C. Didacus FONT, S.*

—Anniversarius hac in parte insulæ morbus est pleuritis, hiemeque viget, quantum ex usu observavi; et ubi rigida hyems plus justo prolongatur ad medium aut finem veris excurrere solet; immo anno 1730, quamvis solito modo procederent tempestates, memini hunc morbum, cum aliis inflammationibus internis, magnam stragem fecisse; ægris



CHAP. ægris vel mente læsis, vel orthopnæâ suffo-  
VI. catis.

Pleuritis non semper febrem acutam continuam habet adjunctam cum siti calore et celeri pulsu: Imo potius in ipsius principio, febris est fere semper mitis; pulsus quoad celeritatem, parum distat a naturali, calorque non est nimius, nec mordax; et in multis propensionem ad somnum observavi. Nequaquam vero, licet ita ingrediatur, leniter tractanda est; sed eodem modo ac si cum vehementi febre invasisset.

Præterea, pleuritis sæpe sociatur febre quæ periodice remittit, et intenditur, modo quotidie, modo de tertio in tertium\*. Et aliquando sola febris tertiana intermittens adest; sicuti observavi in quatuor ægris, quorum unus in initio septimi paroxysmi e vita decessit.

Quoad curationem; ubi tempestive vocatus sum, primo scil. die, vel secundi initio,

\* Vide GALEN. Avicen. & Mercurial apud BIANCH. p. iii. Schol. 25. & Spigel. de semitertian, cap. iii.



depositâ morâ, sanguinis circiter quatuor li-  
bras, partitis vicibus, nuchthemeri spatio, CHAP.  
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si æger robustus sit, detrahère jubeo; quâ  
subitâ, et copiosâ evacuatione, morbus quan-  
doque in herbâ resolvitur. Sin vero per-  
sistat, ante diem quartum, totidem fere san-  
guinis libras, partitis vicibus noviter extraho:  
Et similiter prosequor, licet ante diem quar-  
tum, magna et notabilis omnium sympto-  
matum remissio contingat. Quæ quidem re-  
missio, talis et tanta esse solet, ut æger et  
reliqui rem jam in tuto putent; et ipse olim  
ita existimavi, donec infausti eventus aliter  
docuissent. Quippe veniente die quarto, aut  
quinto, supra modum exacerbantur sympto-  
mata, et furente novâ procellâ, æger qui  
mox convaliturus sperabatur, orco traditur:  
Quod nullâ aliâ methodo quam supra præ-  
scriptâ præcavere potui; diluentibus interim,  
expectorantibus, clysteribus, cucurbitulis et  
epispasticis, pro ratione symptomatum, dili-  
genter adhibitis; ut et purgantibus, post sep-  
timum diem. En methodus medendi, quæ  
meis et ægrorum votis respondet! Ex  
centum qui corripuntur, nonaginta, aut in  
initio



CHAP. initio resolutione, aut postea manifestâ crisi  
 VI. fervantur. Quæ crisis, aut per sudorem, aut  
 ~ per expectorationem, aut per urinæ proflu-  
 vium, modo sanguinolentæ, modo puri-  
 formis, aut per diarhæam perficitur; adjunctis  
 vitæ viribus, sanguinis evacuatione, et su-  
 pra memoratis remediis legitime exhibitis.  
 Quibus inter initia spretis, Mors ut plurimum,  
 succedit.

Datum Civitellæ Maii 26. S. N. An-  
 no MDCCXLVI.



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## CHAP. VII.

### *Of the Small-Pox.*

**T**HE Small-Pox were twice epidemic-CHAP. VII.  
cal in *Minorca*, while I resided there, }  
*viz.* in the Year 1742, and 1746. Without entering into a minute Description of the Disease, I shall only endeavour to give a general View of its Nature and Effects, in each of these Years; from which it will appear how widely the Infection of the one differed from that of the other.

About the middle of *March* 1742, the Small-Pox broke out in *Mahon*, to the great Consternation of the Natives, who had not seen them since the Year 1725, but well remembered the Destruction, which they then occasioned. The Contagion quickly spread



CHAP. spread about, and was soon conveyed to the  
VII. other Towns and Villages; infomuch that  
before the end of *April* it prevailed in every  
part of the Island. As it attacked almost all  
who were under Seventeen, and many of a  
more advanced Age, the Sick were so nu-  
merous during *May* and *June*, that every  
House might be called an Hospital. About  
the End of *July* the Disease suddenly disap-  
peared, most of those who were susceptible  
of it, having by that Time undergone it.

During the first six or eight Weeks, the  
Distemper was favourable, and seldom proved  
fatal: But its Virulence increased with the  
Heat of the Weather; so that in *June* and  
*July* it was not uncommon, both at *Mahon*  
and *Ciudadella*, to bury ten or twelve of a  
Day. Nevertheless, in Proportion to the  
Numbers, not many died; and what Mor-  
tality there was, happened chiefly among  
Children at the Breast and the common Sol-  
diers.

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Among such Multitudes of Sick, all the different Species of Small-Pox, described by Authors, were sometimes met with : But both the distinct and confluent had a nearer Resemblance to what SYDENHAM calls the anomalous, than to the regular Small-Pox. For though the fluxed Kind commonly appeared on the second or third Day, it was often the fourteenth or seventeenth before the Roughness to the Touch shewed, that those on the Face began to turn ; and on the Legs and Arms they frequently continued fresh till near the thirtieth. In these Kinds of Small-Pox, the secondary Fever raged violently between the fourteenth and twenty-fourth Day ; and almost all who perished by the Disease died on one or other of the intermediate Days.

The Constancy of Nature in promoting one or other of the common Evacuations, whereby Part of the morbid Matter was discharged, contributed to save great Numbers ; for a plentiful Salivation commonly appeared

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CHAP. with the Eruption, and continued till the  
VII. Suppuration was compleated, not only in  
Adults, but in those of all Ages; even in  
Children at the Breast, whose want of Sense  
to spit freely, was probably the chief Cause  
of their suffering more than others. About  
the seventh Day or sooner, the Swelling of  
the Face came on; and it was regularly suc-  
ceeded by a Tumefaction of the Hands, and  
sometimes of the Feet. But it was most re-  
markable in this epidemical Small-Pox, that  
a moderate Looseness commonly appeared,  
as the Pustules began to dry, and continued  
till the Skin was in some Measure cleared of  
the thick black Crust that covered it; by  
which Means, the Defect of Perspiration was  
supplied, the Symptoms of the secondary  
Fever were restrained, and many People  
were happily rescued from the Jaws of  
Death: From whence we may learn, how  
reasonable it is to give Purgatives in this  
Stage of the Disease, according to the Rules  
laid down for that Purpose, by Drs. FRIEND  
and MEAD.



In December 1745, the Small-Pox were brought from *Constantinople* by one of his Majesty's Ships; and the following Year made a slow but fatal Progress over the whole Island. During the Spring 1746, they confined themselves to *St. Phillip's Castle*, without reaching *Mahon*, though they are but two small Miles asunder. In the Summer and Autumn they were frequent in *Mahon* and the neighbouring Parts. Then they travelled Northward to *Ciudadella*, and disappeared in the Spring; having carried off almost all the Children who survived the Chin-cough and Summer Fevers of the Year 1746. It was however very remarkable, that the longer the Infection continued in the Island, it became the milder; so that there was much less Mortality in the Northern Parts than in the Southern, where it first broke out.

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Whilst the Distemper raged at *St. Phillip's Castle*, as I lived at *Mahon*, I saw but few of the Sick; but I was informed by the



CHAP. Physicians who attended them, that the  
VII. Pustules were commonly of the confluent  
Kind, and often intermixed with Purples;  
that they seldom rose or filled well, but  
continued, either hard like Tubercles, or  
quite empty, or had a small Quantity of  
*Ichor*, with a black Spot in their Middle, and  
frequently seemed to wither before they were  
ripe; that the Fever, instead of going off  
with the Eruption, increased as the Disease  
advanced, being generally accompanied with  
a *Coma*, *Delirium*, Difficulty of Breathing,  
incessant Vomiting and Loathing of Food;  
that the Face seldom or never swelled, but  
about the Time that this ought to have hap-  
pened, a Soreness of the Mouth or Throat  
gave great Uneasiness, the Skin separated  
from the Inside of the Lips, and the Breath  
became very fetid; that three fourths of the  
Infected, in spite of all that could be contrived  
for their Preservation, perished between the  
sixth and the fourteenth Day of the Fever.  
And the most of those who survived, re-  
mained blind, consumptive, or lame with  
*Caries* of the Bones, sordid Ulcers, &c. for  
that



that this Disease approached the nearest to CHAP.  
the Plague of any that had been known in VII.  
the Island.

From these Accounts (which were too well confirmed by my own Experience afterwards) I conjectured, that the extraordinary Mortality of the Disease was owing, partly to the variolous Matter abounding so much in the Blood, that the Skin was not capable of receiving the whole Quantity; partly to the peculiar Disposition of the Air at that Time, which as we have seen in the former Chapter, rendered the Head and Breast extremely liable to Inflammations. Hence, I imagined, that many of the Sick died of a *Phrenitis* or *Peripneumonia* on the sixth, seventh, or eighth Days, before the Pustules had time to ripen; while in others, the Pustules having terminated in a Gangrene, the corrosive *Ichor* received into the Blood, proved fatal about the latter End of the second Week. It appeared to me that the most probable Way of averting these Disasters would be, to make large Evacuations in the first Days



CHAP. of the Distemper, and to replenish the Vessels with mild antiputrescent Liquors; by which means, either the Eruption would be prevented, or the Pustules would be fewer in Number; or at least disposed to suppurate rather than mortify. This Method of treating the Small-Pox is countenanced by BALLONIUS\*, and strongly recommended by BOERHAAVE†, who probably took the first Hint from RHAZIS‡, and if ever so bold a Practice could be justified, it was in such a pestilential Kind as this, which destroyed almost all who were left to Nature, or managed in the common Way. These Considerations, and the visible good Effects of Bleeding and Purging largely, in the predominant Pleurisies, gave just Cause to expect some Benefit from a similar Method

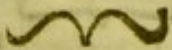
\* Ephem. & Epid. l. i.

† Aph. 1393.

‡ Si antequam apparere incipiant variolæ, ægrum medicus inveniatur, minuatur sanguinis multitudo— Venter autem si strictus fuerit, infusiones quotidie in potu sumantur; ex hoc enim aut omnino prohibebitur pustularum egressio, aut si quid egressum fuerit, parvum erit.

Vid. Op. Venet. de Febr. cap. xviii. p. 105.



in the Cure of the Small-Pox; which Ap-CHAP.  
prehension was confirmed by the following VII.  
Accident. 

A young Man, about Twenty-six Years of Age, was seized on *Wednesday May 21*, between seven and eight o'Clock in the Morning, with a Coldness and Shivering, which was soon succeeded by common feverish Complaints, and a Pain under his left Breast, straitening Respiration. On *Thursday* Morning, when I first visited him, imagining the Case to be a Pleurisy, I ordered him to be treated accordingly. In Consequence of which, seventeen Ounces of Blood were taken away immediately; twenty Ounces more in the Afternoon, and fifteen on *Friday* Morning; his Belly was kept open by Clysters; his Drink was Barley-Water, to which Oxymell and Nitre were added; and sometimes a Decoction of Tamarinds; and Leaves of the *Opuntia* were frequently applied to his Side. On *Friday* Forenoon his Pains were easier: but he complained greatly of an Inclination to vomit, and after drink-



CHAP. ing warm Water, threw up a considerable

VII. Quantity of bilious Matter. In the After-

noon an Eruption was discovered all over his Body, which from the Appearance it had on his Face, and its being attended with a Ptyalism, I suspected to be the confluent Small-Pox; and Dr. SEGUI, an eminent Physician of *Makon*, who was consulted on this Emergency, confirmed my Opinion. Our Patient was blooded on *Friday* Evening thirteen Ounces; and afterwards drank Plenty of warm Water, in order to carry off his Vomiting; a Glyster was likewise injected, his Head shaved, his whole Skin cleaned and washed. On *Saturday* Morning the Fever being moderate, and the Eruption thick all over him, he took a mild Purge, which procured six or seven Stools, and a Grain of Opium was given at Bed-time. On *Sunday* Morning, after a restless disturbed Night, his Spitting having ceased, he complained of his Throat being so sore that he could scarce swallow, and that the Stitch had moved from his left Breast, and fixed about the lower Ribs in the right Side. These Symptoms



toms induced us to bleed him a fifth Time, CHAP.  
to the Quantity of eleven Ounces, which VII.  
were of a Crimson Colour, as all the rest of  
his Blood had been, without any fizy Crust.  
In the Afternoon he spit considerably, slept  
sound, was free from Pain; and after a good  
Night's Rest, on *Monday* Morning his Purge  
was repeated, which gave six or seven Mo-  
tions, without checking the Salivation. After  
this, all further Evacuations were laid aside  
(excepting Glysters to keep the Belly open)  
the Pustules, which were small and numerous  
all over him, began to fill with good Matter,  
and every thing went on according to our  
Wish. On *Tuesday* Morning his Face swell-  
ed; but abated on *Thursday* Afternoon, the  
Pustules beginning to drie; while his right  
Foot swelled, and became painful, the Ptya-  
lism still continuing. *Monday* Morning *June*  
*2*, his Skin being dry every where, he took  
Physick, which was repeated on the *Friday*  
following. He soon gained Strength, and  
still enjoys a good State of Health.

The next Patient I attended in this Dis-  
temper was a *Jew's* Daughter, about five  
Years



CHAP. Years of Age, to whom I was called on  
 VII. *Saturday* Morning, *May* 24, when the Pustules were just beginning to appear, she having been feverish since *Wednesday* Morning. She was thrice blooded by my Order, in the Space of four and twenty Hours; four Ounces being taken away each Time; she was strictly kept to the cooling Regimen; Glysters were frequently injected; and she commonly took a Paregorick at Night. The Pustules were low, small, confluent, and attended with a considerable Salivation. Her Face swelled on *Tuesday*, her Hands the Day following, and her Feet on *Friday*. On *Sunday June* 1, the Pustules began to dry on her Face. On *Monday* she was purged, and gradually grew strong. This and the former Patient were the two first in *Mabon*, who at that Time recovered of the Small-Pox.

About the End of *May*, and the Beginning of *June*, three or four Adults were attacked with violent feverish Symptoms; and as they never had the Small-Pox, it was suspected

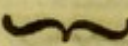


pected they had caught the Infection. They CHAP.  
were all treated in the same Manner with the VII.  
Man, whose Case has been already related, ~  
and in six or seven Days got perfectly well,  
without Signs of Eruption. Nor did any of  
them take the Small-Pox afterwards.

Elevated with this Success, I began to  
flatter myself, that I had now hit upon a Me-  
thod of Cure, which would generally an-  
swer: But it was not long before Experience  
convinced me of my Mistake.

A young Man, about one and twenty, was  
seized at Noon, *Monday June 16*, with fe-  
verish Symptoms, and a violent Pain in his  
Stomach, Loins, and left Breast. He lost  
fifteen Ounces of Blood on *Tuesday* Morning,  
seventeen Ounces the same Afternoon, and  
fifteen on *Wednesday* Morning: All this  
Day he was sick and squeamish, though he  
drank much warm Water, and vomited up  
Bile along with it. He passed an uneasy  
Night, with great Pain at his Stomach and  
in the Small of his Back, and on *Thursday*  
Morning



CHAP. Morning took a mild Purgative, which operated several Times upwards, and procured  
VII.  fix or seven Stools. On *Friday* Morning the Small-Pox began to appear in his Face; his Stomach was somewhat relieved, but the Pain in his Back continued as bad as ever; his Mouth and Throat were very sore; and I was informed he had been delirious all Night. He was again blooded to twelve Ounces, which was red and florid, like all the rest which had been taken. In the Afternoon, the Pain of his Back being severe, the Part was cupped and scarified, and a Glyster was injected, which brought away much hard stinking Excrement. Notwithstanding this, he got no Manner of Relief; the Raving, Vomiting, and Restlessness increased, the Pustules never filled, his Mouth was ulcerated, and his Breath became offensive to the Smell; on *Sunday* Morning he lay quite stupified and senseless; black Spots appeared in the Middle of the Pustles; and he expired that Day about Noon. Upon opening the Body nothing extraordinary was found, except a monstrous



monstrous large Gall-Bladder full of thick, green Bile, and slight Signs of Inflammation, in the villous Coat of the Stomach, the small Guts, and *Pia Mater*. CHAP. VII.

A young Lad of fifteen or sixteen Years, felt some Difficulty of Breathing, and a Pain in his Back on *Tuesday* Noon, *June* 24. He concealed his being ill to *Thursday*, when he complained much of Heat, Thirst, and Head-ach, Sickneſs at his Stomach, and a painful Oppreſſion in both Sides of the *Thorax*. Eleven Ounces of Blood were taken on *Thursday* Morning, eight Ounces that Afternoon, and ten next Morning; Glyſters and diluent Drinks were uſed, &c. None of his Blood appeared ſizy; and before the laſt ten Ounces were taken, ſomething like the Small-Pox were ſeen on his Face. But the Eruption never advanced; and on *Saturday* Morning Purples came out all over him. He then began to uſe the Bark every two Hours, and took in all about ſix or ſeven Drachms. In the mean time he was very delirious, vomited often, and breathed with great Difficulty.

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CHAP. On *Monday* Morning he was seized with a  
VII. Hæmorrhage from the Nose, which con-  
tinued till seven at Night, when he died with  
black Spots all over him.

Soon after this, a robust middle-aged Man, fell sick, and was treated in the same way; on the second and third Days of the Disease he lost forty-nine Ounces of Blood; on the third Day the Eruption began to appear; on the fourth he bled some Spoonfuls from the Nose; and purple Spots broke out all over him. The small Pox never rose; he raved incessantly, though he was afterwards twice blooded and had Blisters applied. He died on the eleventh Day.

These unfortunate Cases made me lay aside large Evacuations for the future, and content myself with endeavouring to alleviate the Symptoms in the common Way, by moderate Bleeding, Blistering, Anodynes, Bark, and Cordials, according as they were indicated. But in spite of all my Attempts to cure them, more perished than recovered.

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Nor could I find that any other Practitioner CHAP.  
had better Success, until Time had corrected VII.  
the Malignity of the Disease. In short, this  
epidemical Small-Pox sufficiently verified the  
*English* Proverb, "That there is one Sort in  
" which the Nurse cannot kill, and another  
" which the Physician can never cure."  
And since it is a Matter of mere Chance,  
whether the best or the worst Kind is got in  
the natural Way, it is evident what great  
Honour is due to the Memory of those Gen-  
tlemen who first introduced the Practice of  
Inoculation into this Kingdom, where the  
Safety and Security of it has been confirmed  
by the Experience of thirty Years.

This is all I have to offer to the Publick  
with regard to some of the most destructive  
Distempers incident to Mankind, whose Na-  
ture and Effects my Situation afforded many  
Opportunities of observing. I have related  
the bad as well as the good Success of my  
Endeavours to cure them, with that Fide-  
lity which is required in Affairs that so  
nearly concern the Lives of our Fellow-  
Crea-



CHAP. Creatures; and if these Pages should be  
 VII. found serviceable to others, by pointing out  
 what will prove hurtful or beneficial in similar Cases, I shall not only think the Pains they cost me well bestowed, but esteem it a singular Happiness that Fortune put it in my Power to contribute so far to the Welfare of Society.

*Hoc opus, hoc studium, parvi properemus et  
 ampli,*

*Si patriæ volumus, si nobis vivere cari.*

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