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# THE **PISSE-PROPHET** OR, **CERTAIN PISSE-POT** LECTURES.

Wherein are newly discovered the old fallacies, deceit, and jugling of the Pifspot Science, used by all those (whether Quacks, and Empiricks, or other methodical Physicians) who pretend knowledg of Discases, by the Urine, in giving judgement of the same.

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# THE PREFACE,

#### To the Right Honourable, right Worfhipfull, whether more or leffe dignified, who have been or hereafter may be my Patients, as also to the courteous or difcourteous Reader.



Our Honour, Worship, or other Worthinesse whatsoever(good reader)hath often heard it spoken from the

mouth of many a well-read and experienced man in Phyficke, That (Urina eff meretrix, vel mendax) the Vrine is an Harlot, or a Lyer, and that there is no certain knowledge of any Difease to be gathered from the Urine alone, nor any safe judgement to be exhibited by the same; You have been (likewise) often told, by Physicians, that it were A.2 farre

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farre better for the Physician to see his Patient once, than to view his Urine twenty times: But yet this bath not gained fo much credit with you as it ought to have done, because you see the most of them (who telyou fo) to entertain the Urine as the onely Index and discoverer of Diseases to pronounce their opinion of the sicke parties Difease by it, and to accept of being accounted skilful in the judgement of water. Divers learned Physicians have likewise written diversTracts, therein discovering the dangers of taking Physick prescribed onely by the fight of the Urine, & to this end, that they might dispossesse men of that fond opinion, of a Phyficians difeerning Difeafes by it, wherewith they have been so long time deluded. To this purpose hath Dr. Cotta written a Book (salled, A fhort discoverie of the unobferved dangers of feverall forts of ignorant and inconfiderate practifers of Phylick in England) wherein

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wherein, among it other Tracts of the feverall abusers of Phyficke, be hath written one Traciate of the is bath ibnu Conjectours by Vrines : therein shewing the fallhood, and incertain le you judgment of Diseases by the Urine. 02 (0) He bath alfo therin fet down the ine mela gennous confession of a dying Physicienfes to an (made to him being then present eficke with him, some three or four dayes accept before his departure) who being rein the quested to commend unto posterity earned that'skilby not be bad been fo much pritten admired and effeemed for judging ringthe moment to be with child by their Urine, made this answer; I bave (faith he) long with the felicity of a good opinion exercised its and with tryed certainty know it to be uncertainty, and certain deceit: It is therefore unworthy posterity, and the name of Art. Road the Tract above mentioned; and you shall see UDODthis confession further amplified. If forte you please to take my confession toos you shall have it : I for mine owne A 3 part wherein

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part have been so fortunate herein; that I have seldome failed in my predictions of determining a woman to be with child by the Urine, as I have made them believe, when the meffenger hath been. able to certifie me of the state of the Womans body, and could aufwer me to certaine other questions touching other signes of conception. Above all the reft, I was once magnified by a Counselers wife for this cunning cozenage (I am not a shamed to term it so) at a festivall meeting at Canterbury, in the prefence of two (as I take it) other Doctours of Physick : Shee told them to their faces that I was the cunningst Doctour in all the Towne, for I had told her by her water that she was with child, and just how long it was fince she concerved of it : But had the woman few'd mesthat brought it, no more then the Drine did, I should scarce have adventured to have pronounced ber to have been with child : Yet I might (knowing

trein, knowing the Gentlewoman, how in my long it was fince she bad a child, or woman the distance that she commonly kept all in childbearing, as also that she tente nursed ker children ber selfe) bave mife pronounced ber, and that upon some bid, probable conjecture, to have been wines. with child, though the meßenger fignes could not have answered me to fuch eret.I interrogatives (as we use to demand infelers of them besore we pronounce a wonet (1 man to be woth child) nor the Urine )ata shew (as it doth not) any thing erbury, concerning conception at all. I dare takent) Say, that the good Gentlewoman is : She very confident that Idetermined her I was to be with child by the fight of her all the Vrine onely, because I did not inerva. timate any thing to the contrary : Neither is she to be so much blamed and just for her credulity, as I for my jngnicentes ling. But to make her and other n ber's good women amends (whom I have then the thus beguil'd) I have in this ensuavead ing Tract set down the fallacies, by d berte which I judged ber, and every other Imight Physician A4 HOWIEL

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Phylician doth judge every other woman to be with child; as also by which we give judgement of the DifeaferSex, and the like feeming to do it onely by the Urine: which have not heretofore been published ( though too much practized of most ) by any man in the English tongue. Doctor Hart (in his book instituted The Anatomy of Urines) hath by fufficient argument and demonstration confuted the Piffe-Canons, or Con-Jectures of Urines, taken from the severall accidenes of the same (as the severall colours, parts, contents, fubstance, quantity, Smell) and shewed their falshood in all these, & the many absurdities that have been committed by pretending knowledge of Difeases by all these; I thought it likewise fit to set down the fallacies, by which judgement of Diseases is given by the Urine, 10 the end that the writings of other men (who bave written against this base outtome of mater-prophesying)

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ing may gain the more credit, and for the further satisfaction of such as yet remain doubtfull whether there be any judgement to be taken from the Urine Sufficient to determine the disease. To this end therefore I have set down the fallacies which have upkeld this custome of prating, and predicating strange things by the Urine; And I have penn'd them in the English tongue, because that meer Englishmen (I mean the common people ) who understand English only, are and ever menting have been most subject to be deceived ) and and deluded. I hope therefore that no Artist will be offended hereat, for I dare say that there is no ingenuous man, but is of my opinion, and would as gladly (as I my felie) t down that this base custome of Lecturing upon the Urine, were overthrown & 100, 10 abrogated. What I have therefore father done to this purpose, I intreat the Entra curteous Reader to accept in as good parts as I have been willing to im-2:5 part

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part the same: And for as much as I have been guilty of this fraud; though I have not long used it, let it suffice that it repenteth me of the lame, for I mean never hereafter to shew my conning, or rather cozening, upon the water, and hope that other men will help to beat down this custome, or else all that I have written will be to little purpose. However it will some thing delight the understanding and impartiall Reader, and might profit the ignorant, if they would make use of it to that end for which it was penn'd. As for the stile & method of it, it is poor and mean; but such as best Juits with fuch a poor, base, and stinking subject. I have been enforsed a little beyond my own nature, and disposition, to be somwhat faithfull in lecturing upon the Urise, for which cause I may incurre censure of the graver and more modest people: If I have berein offended, I crave their pardon, for I could not well

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well avoid it : And let them not tax me of levity, or lasciviousnesse, for my life and conversation bath, and shall for ever testifie the contrary. Howbeit I can claime no priviledge from backbiters, nor immunity from malignant tongues; I refuse to be tryed by a prejudicate opinion, or the malignant firit of contradiction; and appeal unto the learned, judicious and impartiall Reader, to whom ( if I have erred, for it is Humanum errare) I submit for censure; if need be, for correction. And for as much as I fear that the greatest detractours that I Shall finde (though it be an old Saying that the Arts, Nullum habent inimicu præter ignorantem, have no enemy but the ignorant man). are offenders in this kinde; I admonist you (brother Pisse-Prophet). that you be not too busie in playing the Criticke upon me, because I have ( in confessing mine own folly ) reproved your wickednesse, which yoze.

you will bardly for Take. As for the censure of the ignorant (whom you belp to retain in this prejudicate opinion) I regard it not. Hos oblatrantes caniculos cum contemptu: prætereo; I paffe by these barking Curres (as the Lion doth) with disdain. But if you kick (whose gall'd back I have rub'd and whole fore I have lanced) who are confcious to your selfe of your owne guiltinesse berein, I shallrub harder and lance deeper : and yet if you kick over-much, I shall find a lash to quiet you. I pray therefore let me have your good word, left you need mine. And so in hope that the learned, judicious, and impartiall Reader will pardon my errours, and that the ignorant Reader will become wifer, and that the delinquent, Reader will become honester, I reft,

Yours T. B.

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Wherein is thew'd the errour of the common people (who think that Difeases are to be diferred by the Urine) and the fallacies of the Phyfician, who intimate the fame unto them : As also what is to be. confidered of the Physician before be pronounce his judgement of an Urine.

HE vulgar fort are fo ftrongly prepoffelt(by reason of their ignorance)that Physicians can difcern (by the Urine) the Difease, the conception, the lex, the parties ag?, with many other fuch absurdities, that I fear B. It will be an hard matter to difpossesse them of that opinion. And.

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And phyficians ( the more to hey del blame they) have intimated and phylician pretended this knowledge unto Dife them fo far, as that they wil hard-ment of ly acknowledge their errours, and that the relinquish this basery : But when then the it shall appear that the Urine is world is altogether deceitful, & the Phy- you fo fician (that pretendeth knowledg will he of Diseasesthereby) to give his hold yo judgement of it by fuch fallacies on;im and jugling as shall be shewed & special fet forth by me in this enfuing (andth Discourse : Let the ignorant me part choofe whether he will believe ciestha his lying oracle or no, and let the in the Phyfician choose whether he wil ing of be honefter than to use fuch dea mian t ceit. Yet (I hope) the one will of Di blush to have been so deluded, & withm the other to have his conjecturing confid discovered. And now me thinks Difeal you long to hear how it is (the and vi Urine giving no certain know-Reumo ledge of any Difease in the matio world) that Piffe-mongers (for ungi they

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the hey deferve not the name of a and Phyfician that pretend knowledg hard nent of it, and make thee believe hat they difcern Difeafes by ir, whe han the which nothing in the world is more falfe. But would Phy you fo fain know how this can wled be?Why thus it is, for I will now we hi hold you no longer in expectati-llacie on;I must therfore give unto your red & special confideration two things, and then I will descend unto all the particular Quillets and fallaelieve cies that deceiv the ignorant )ufed atthe in the contemplation & beholding of an Urine, which make h de a man presume to give judgement wil of Diseases by it. Observe now ted, with me, that the two things to be win confidered are these, namely, that think Diseases are either accute, sharpe, The diffe-is(the and violent, as the Plurisie, Perip- diseases. now neumonia (which is the Apostumation and inflamation of the rs (for Lungs) the Phrenzie, Iliaca pafito, the the

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The Pis-Prophet, the fmall Pox, Pestilence, & every sharp Feaver; Or elfe difeases the are Chronicall (that is of continue ance) and lingring, fuch as proceed from the ill temperature of the humours and disposition of the conftitution of the body, fuch as are the Confumption, Dropfie, Melancholy, Gout, Palfie, Falling-Sickneffe, Cachezia (which is a depravation of the humours of the body, whereby it taketh away, in man or woman, the appetite from meat, makes the body unfit for exercife, and marres the liveliness of the spirits and countenance) and this difease in women is commonly called the Green-Sickneffe, and it makes both men and women green indeed. But (to omit all circumftances that may be) the Phyfician always bears thefe two confiderations in minde, namely, that difcafes are either acute, sharp, and violent,

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iolent, or chronical, and of conant inuance, and more gentle, as aning brefaid, &c. Now, for the most art the common fort of people une ome or send their Waters unto ion hyficians for acute, fharp, and body iolent difeases : as the Counption ry-man or Handy-crafts-man Pal who use to labour ) for some they urfet (as they call it) taken by of the atching cold ( as they think ) fter sweating at their several tereby abours, and your better fort of WO. eople (as they think themfelves, meat . ecause they nie no labour ) for exer-Surfet taken by idlenesse, as lines itting in the Sun, walking, ance porting, drinking of Wine, caticn B ng over-much, or fuch meat as both heir ftomach hath not well diefted, and the like. You must The nadeed ikemise note, that every sharp ture of a al lifeafe hath an hot and burning sharp diffever joyned with it, and that eafe. derahe Urine (for the most part ) ut difn a burning Fever, is of ap inp,and tenfe olent

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this on had with the meffenger, as terun ews the symptomes and affects which f the fick party (though he Put em to have named them in the eseription of the disease to the difconeffenger ) which truly deterie monine the disease : and then he yet un ames the difease, looking upon Ulimne Water (as if it were there viciz be found) in fuch manner as and by hall be hereafter thewed; which a lakes the meffenger to believe y com o indeed. Now the description nd vie f a Fever (and indeed one deows of cription will ferve for any Feverjoi er, and for all sharp and vioquici ent diseases) is but to reckon judg up the Symptomes and fignes of ow the Fever ( the which we know bedefet ore that ever we look upon the ket Water) which are these : nameheper 'y, great oppression of the sto- signs of Water nach by choler, or four other a sharp the mhumour, which causeth want discase. a, of appetite to meat; oppilation onthis and obstruction of the liver and fpleen, tit

The Piffe-Prophet, 01,1 fpleen, caufing great heat (whic caufeth great drought, and muc defire of drink ) caufing grea pain in the head and back which likewife caufeth want of fleep and reft, from whence pro ceedeth (oftentimes) raving frantick, doting, fenseleffe an idle talk. Now to fay that th fick party is thus aff. Red (for in deed fo they are for the 'me part in every respect, but at th least in some kinde, in ever violent disease) makes the met fenger to think, that the Docto doth perceive (that the party fo affected) by the Urine, which (by Yea and by Nay) is no fuc matter : for he dares not alwa trust to this high red Urine, a That an high and an infallible fign of a Fever; fo red colonit may chance to be of fuch a co red Urine lour by fome other accident is not alwhen the party that made it, i ways one infallible free from a Fever.But admit tha fignof a the high red colour of the Urin Fever. di

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which d alway (as it doth for the oft part) import a Feaver, yet is a Fever (as heat drought a Fever (as heat, drought, hirft, pain in the head, want of inding that there are fuch arks in it as fhew all thefe ings that I have named. Nei-Doth her doth he prefume to name whit rought, thirft, &c.) from any gns thereof in the Urine, but or that he knowsth by dayly met, aperience, that the fore-named met in promes and companions of chao Fever (as heat, drought, thirft, ciden cc.) are neceffary confequenants of a Fever : And yet (OL) atlin ae pride of man, in feeming to

The Piffe-Prophet, 87, P to be what he is not !) the Piff ination Prophet doth pretend, that I links, perceiveth all these things in meter the Water. These things beir Chapter premised, I hope thou wilt Imentof the better able to judge of the diffe which followeth, and perceivation of how easie a thing it is to givening judgement of diseases by th Urine (though it be not the to be feen ) and wilt conceiv the fallacies that uphold th What cuftome, and fo learn to put Pifedifference between an hone are b learned plain-dealing Phyfician # fh and a prating Empirick, and affed the D Rogue. I will now ( for th once) imagine my felf to b eafe b one of them, and to be in m Chamber or Study ready ad Hay dreffed to come forth, to giv Meff my judgement upon that hig ifure red Water (that importeth a Fe pon fin and na ver, and so a violent disease that I last spake of, and wil ites n plainly thew you (by the exa DOTTO minatio

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ady at Have here already fuch a 10gi Meffenger ( attending my at is eisure to give my judgement than upon fuch a Urine) who, being diftait conducted to my presence, fand mutes my worship with good man norrow Master Doctour, and inatio indeed
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indeed the morning is the moundion ufual and fit time for the view dhim ing of Urines: The Quean antelick Darkin hath gotten that Art into that the would not prophetion luc thereof after eleven of the clock ant f And having thus faluted ment h prefents me the Urine , faying though Sir, I defire your opinion oamyb this Water, and to tell merwhent (though the fick party know a Con that too too well already ) wha hat the party aileth, and what th mob Difeafe is; the Meffenger (whe whom ther man or woman) you multime i note, is one, who is, as it were when made out of waxe, whom an, the Phyfician cannot deceive (nei-wane ther would he if he could ) not he yet learn any thing out of him STREWC 2 touching the difeafe, unleffe he with himfelf first have named it, and have yet he will make a thift to be mould him into any form that he thall fit his purpose beft, and me will make him by imperiment him queitions - 43- CARS

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moquestions (as he shall think) to with ell him any thing, concerning gemuche fick party, that he shall deat An ire to know, and yet (like Hoopherus Pocus, who makes his ignoclearant spectatours to think that d m he Balls are under the Cups, laying hough he have conveyed them ion oway by fleight of hand, and In when they fee that, to deem him mon Conjurer) to think that hee whenath discovered nothing, and hath ne to be a skilful Physician and (when n honest man, when as indeed muchere is no fuch matter; for inverteither is Hocus Pocus a Conjutom er, though by his nimble conentreyance he have deluded his no illy beholder, or fo much a hi nave as they think him , bef ause he hath not done it by any mulawful affiftance; neither am fo skilful a Phyfician, though have made the meffenger beieve that I perceive ftrange min hings by the Water, becaufe I do

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I can pour the water out of the bottle, or take the Urinal out. of the Case) rip up all the 10 fymptomes of a Fever, and fay, This party hath a great oppref-ybody fion of ftomach, and no appe-tite to meat, a great oppilation there and obstruction of the Liver of any and Spleen, is very hot and dry, out o defireth much to drink, hath a great pain in the head, and can take no reft, and was taken in to the manner of an Ague with a is here grooving in the back and pain in " he head, first cold and then om not, reckoning up all these hings (as if I faw them there ", o foon as ever I look into the unity vater) fo fast as ever I can make galt ny tongue belie my heart. And with this description I have Utind nade the meffinger admire my ig eadincis and skill in judging he monf Urines, and he verily beeven lieves, that I have espyed these haten hings in the water; but it is far other-B. 2

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will giv otherwise; for these things ( that and the I have reckoned up) are but the ufual fymptomes and companidoe no whethe ons of a Fevet, and the most of Plarifi them are joyned with every Feonthe ver, and all of them and many to be moe at once are complicate with many a Fever. perceiv Thefe cough things being fo, 1 cannot but have hit the nail on the head, for the co some of those symptomes that party I have reckoned up, must needs and fo accompany the difeafe; and Dame tic fin when I have once named them, the meffenger prefently answers, claret that the party is just fo affected fore W as I have faid : But (as yet) I affat have not named the difeafe, and We nar perhaps omitted foniething that] which is expected that I should of the have named : and the meffen-19730 ger is as ready then to ask me, if Water boltec I perceive nothing else by the water, as I was to pronounce my named judgement of it before : . To the of whom I answer, yes, if you and o will

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that will give me leave to tell you; the and then perchance aks me, if I pani doe not perceive a stitch, and whether the party have not a Fo Plurifie, I answer (looking upmany on the water as if it were there lican to be perceived ) yes, I well The perceive the flitch and fome t bu cough too; and I fay, that when adfor the cough takes the party, the the party is much pained in the fide; need and for as much as I did not and name the flitch at first, I tell the hen meffenger, that we use first to dewert clare the cause of the difease befette fore we come to every paffion or affect of the difease, or before we name it : I further adde, , and that I was not yet come to fpeak thing of the flitch, ( no nor fhould hould never have found it out of the effen water, had not the meffenger mt, i bolted it out) because I had ay the named the caufe thereof, namely, ice my the oppression of the stomach, and obstruction of the spleen, if you B 3 and

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and melentery, and that the flitch was nothing elfe but a flatuous and windy humour proceeding from thence to the place affected; fo now I determine the difease to be (as they suppose) a Plurisie: And indeed they can better define their own difeafes by the fymptomes and paffions that they fuffer, than any Phyfician can doe by the water only. But now as I have been happy in my prediations of the disease, and rightly determined it to be (as it is indeed) a Plurifie; fo now I must proceed to the prescription (as it is required) of such remedies as may cure this Plurifie : And now 1 am here as farre to feek (though I know the difease to be a Plurisie) as if I knew not the disease at all, nor had seen the Urine, because I doe not therein perceive the scope and grounds of prescribing fit remedies

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t the lies (according to the rules of out a Art) in every respect proper to nour he disease : The which scope and Indication the grounds are these (namely) the of curing. deter parties age, the fexe, the conftithey ution of the body, and the d in trength of it at this time, with their livers other accidents, as whetoms ther the party be bound in his inf., body, or have a flux and fcouot by ring, or the like: All the which al nor any one of them can be difredi. cerned by the Urine, and yet I ghtly must finde them there if the in. meffenger refuse to tell me (but Inul that they feldome refuse to doe, (a after that i have given them a edies description of the disease, and And thewed them in fome part how feet the party is affected ) or elfe I aft to must needs erre in my prefcripwnot tion; for if I should prescribe fen (not knowing the age of the not party) fuch a quantity of blood and to be taken away from a young youth ( suppose ten or twelve eme-BA oundies

The Piffe-Prophet, ounces) in a Plurifie, which is Sewife the difease in hand, as should be taken from a man in his full frength, the party might perifh tale (n thereby; or if I should take but four or five ounces of bloud quality from a lufty young man (in this milcan difease) at his full strength, I cerning hould do him no good, and fo body, hee might perifh on the other the fa fide : I might likewise erre in weak the dose, if (not knowing the which parties age ) I fhould preferibe ous and more or leffe than were proporlo on tionable to the parties age in Rewi preferibing purging Potions or nowi Clyfters in this cafe : I might y at likewise commit no lefferrour tong if (not knowing the fex) I (hould loud in the forenamed disease prethe di fcribe bloud-letting to a woman, her natural courses being broke forth upon her; for I might by that accident expect a folution of the difease without bloud-letting. I) might · 1100 like-

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ich is ikewise erre, if (knowing the Id be exe) I should prescribe purging " hyfick for a woman in this princafe (not knowing whether the kebut be with child or no ) of fuch a bloud juality as might caufe her to this nifcarry : I might erre conth, lerning the constitution of the and lo pody, if I should (not knowing other he same) prescribe that for a me in weakly constitution of body, which were fitter for a robustuwith ous and strong conftitution : and oper o on the contrary. I might in ikewise erre, if I should (not ons or mowing the ftrength of the bomight dy at this time ) prescribe too trong a Potion, or too much houd bloud to be taken away, when pre the disease hath overcome the wo ftrength, and the party is too steing much debilitated, or if I should for I prescribe too gentle a potion, or exped too little blood to be taken awith way when the ftrength is not yet night dejected, but stands in equall like-5 con-

The Piffe-Prophet contestation with the difease. ] could shew a thousand ways more how I could erre, and how most Physicians do erre, that prescribe physick by the fight of the Urine only : Bit my intent now to is to thew how many thouland first im ways I could deceive thee and laft me make thee believe that I difcern good [ all these things by the Urine (as tion ( thou thinkeft I do) namely, the disease, the parties age, fex, certit ftrength, conffitution of body, circan and the like: I have therefore fite for digreffed herein from my purparties pose (fince my intent was not to fhew the errours that are the pa committed by fuch as pretend knowledge of diseases by the U. rine', but to fhew the fallacies and juglings that they use in giving judgement of it ) anofo frustrated thy expectation of this dainty Art ; but 1 hope it. shall be to thy profit, for thou halt hereby be the better able to. give

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ak, give thy Physician such instruway tions as he shall require, and they halt perceive the danger of taatom sing Phyfick prefcribed by the the light of the Urine only : And inten now to the purpose indeed; but ulan first imagine with me, that the and last meffenger, having received ilem good fatisfaction by the descrip-" (a tion of the parties disease for whom he came, was ready to les, certifie me of all the forenamed body circumstances that were requirefore fite for me to enquire of, as the parties age, fexe, constitution of p.irbody, present strength, how long s not the party had been fick, &c. And 1 212 I have fent him away with fuch etend remedies as were most proper for Medicahe Uhis Plurisie, directions for ments for acies bloud-letting to mitigate his a Pleurin gi. Eever, some pectoral Physick to Sie. ease his cough, with a Liniment this to mollifie, and to dilpel wind, ne it. to anoint his fide withal for his thoa flitch, and wish him to repair le to unto

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morine of an high red colour, in will iving judgement upon which, whe will plainly shew how a man that hay give judgement of all other upply harp and violent difeases by the Now vater (though it do not certe not ainly thew any symptomes of gatto my disease, which determine partie he fame) and how thou shalt and get out of the meffenger every yet l'ircumstance necessary to the but udging and determining of a an of lifeafe, as the age, fex,& ftrength and of the party, and to the guiding ing of a man in prescribing of fit retched medies, and yet he shall not perwhen serve but that thou findest them In the Urine; Sed hoc eft decifor pere, non judicare; but this is to my juggle, and not to judge. nd if

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Suppose this next messenger Stobe some Nurse or tender of sick persons, who is commonly [versed]

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versed and accustomed in carry-. ing fick folks Urines unto Phyficians, & the falute me, with Master and Doctor, I have brought you a Water, and desire your opinion of it : and now I am like to have a hard task of it, and to be fo this put to my trumps, that (if I play atting not my cards fure)I shall lose the tim fet, miscarry in my judgment, be accounted a dunce, and lose my te de Patient for ever; But I will be rtinen aware of that, I warrant you. I put 1 now therefore take this crafty the Wench to doe, and I will handle How nPhy. her as craftily; I take the Vrinal of crafty tellen her, and bid her come from the meffendoore of my Parlor, Study, or gers may that Chamber (where they common- be decei-(they ly ftand,) unto the window, or light, where I commonly give my INCIRG oracle; and indeed, a man had need of a good light, and a better fight, that shall perceive all these enger things that I must finde out of lerot this Ucine. Being come to the nonly light erice

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light (as I am uncafing the Urinall to look upon it,) I ask the Nurse a question, not whose water it is (for that fhe, is enjoyned, nay cojured not to tel me, especiallyif it be a womas, or any thing else, unlesse I first find it out of the water) but my queftion is, How long the party hath been fick; And the out of modefly and good manners, can do no lefs but answer me to this question, for she thinks this queftion to be but words of courfe, and that I can gather nothing from hence touching the parties difeafe; and fo the antwers me a week, a fortnight, two or three dayes, or more or leffe. But from hence I collect and have ftrong prefumptions that it is an acute disease; & if the fay, [A fortnight, I thall thinkit to be only an acute disease & of the leffe danger, unless there have another Phyfician been imployed already, the which I shall

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Une fure to know, & if there have, I the hall gon ar to firike his nofe out le wa fjoynt, and gaine the Par ent to oyned my felt, and then ( if I recover (pei, im) I shall get immortall fame; thing wit if he chance to die, I will out of nake a shift to shuffle off the difon is, grace upon my fellow Doctor, for hat (as I will fay) fuch and fuch yand meanes were not used at the first, fibut hough haply he have used as forth: good a method as my felf could : but save done: But if the fay that, can the party hath been fick a week, hence I shall think it is a more acute difease, whether there have anoand ther Phyfician been imployed fortor no. But if the fay three 10 1 or four dayes, I then prefume nce I that it is a most thirp difease, and fumnow I will fo plant and intereft feales my felf in the party, as that I will hall prevent anothers comming there, feafe unlesse it be to a person of qualihere ty, and then I will be as ready to imdefire another Physician to be hall called be

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hallon, or to the inquiry of fome that her circumstance ( necessary the guiding me in prefcribing heboo remedies ) as the parties age, theparts, strength, and the like, for Andis wench will be fure to hold actione to my text. And now go aighting with me ftill, and conceive that with me that it is a sharp disease, in as appeareth by her answer) and that I have no fooner asked (100 er how long the party hath bin lakeck, and fet down the Urinal in murphe window ( as I faid before) ow a it that I prefently fay, This enquinarty hath a great oppression thatit f stomach, no appetite to nd in neat, with a great oppilation le, and fthe liver, and spleen, is very ponit lot, defireth much to drink, thave bath a great pain in the head, and can take no reft, and was oppor aken in the manner of an Agne "que as they call it) with a grooving ward n the back, and pain in the opis nead, first cold and then hot, as nion,

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I said in giving my judgementation upon the last Ulrine : and inde ie, and this description will serve t alatic any acute disease, whether it the Plurifie, the fmall Pox, nat I fhi Maisels, a fit of the ftone in the Kidnies, the Squinancy, Phre Canles fie, Iliaca Passio, the Arthritis, nd that what other sharp disease soeve orak of Why uni- wherewith there is a Fever a imes formity in ways complicate, or whether be a simple Fever which is pr marily the difease it self; bi n wha yet I will not alwayes use th r is a fame description to all con for the mers, because divers messenger ne inc may come to a Phyfician, an 100 may ftay for companies fake to go away together, and might fall to questioning with each othe what the Doctour faid unte them, and fo might think (i I should use the fame description unto them all) that I could fay nothing elfe, I therefore vary my description of the disease and

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or, Piffe pot Lectures. d am sometimes shorter in the dindeme, and then (if I find by exfulation with the meffenger herit at I have omitted any. thing Pox at I should have spoken of) I me inty that it proceeded from fuch Pare cause as I had already named, thrisind that I should have come to loewheak of that anon; I am fomeever a mes likewife larger in my dewhat ription, as I am here in relaisping how the party is affected, all; bor whom this Nurfe comes: and ut the is as ready to take me up compr the fame, and fays, that it is thinger ue indeed, that the party can in, a ke no reft, hath no appetite to laket near, and was taken (as I faid) ghtan the manner of an Ague, but hoth omplains not of her ftomach at d unell, but cries out, My head, my ink (lead, and complains altogether cription fwant of reft; To whom I read in Iy, that the pain in the head is re vary he chief of the passions that the dilaid arty is affected withall, but yet 200 that



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m the eth to do in the time of health, and id this is a question that may Sple he thinks) as well be answered ithout giving me any light of hebraie fex, as the former question inal which was, How long the parin which had been fick ) of giving me t (if hy light of the disease; but you ald me all hear what I collect from nick, atence. She answers, I demandfeand ig what the party ufeth to doe, g anfy hat the party useth to do little, when we onely to go up and down ofteil ie house, to work about the thindir oufe, to walk up and down aough road, to keep a shop, to labour, hew n'r the like; and from all these have my several collections. ain ver low if the fay, that the party uyet for the to do litle fave only to go up hen hand down the house, I prefume Number it is the Mistreffes of the hat may ouse, or the good-wifes, or nut inte of their daughters, or some : And sentlewoman in the house, but part or certain, that it is a womans water, uleth



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et, ern the fexe. And now I take for the Urinal again in my hand do (for by this time it hath flood of mong enough to fettle) and now the fay that it is a womans water, will uppose that her answer to my ut if uestion (What the party used dofundo in the time of health) did or abo hferre as much, that the hath a dy thurning Fever, is fo dangeroufly it is that the will hardly recover, hen pr aleffe fuch and fuch fpeedy " watt eans be used, and yet that all Mater ill fcarce do ; and this danger or for will always pretend in every vide wor ent difeales though there beno to waadly fign at all; but not to fine fick parties, ( for that they uppo nnot endure to hear of) but tot,ord retly to the meffenger, or fome mar friend, or by-stander, if I bour, prefent with them; and then fervan the parry live, I shall not fo quefic lled in queftion, for faying uethic lled in queftion, for faying h, Idingnified for that I have recove-CEL red

The Piffe- Prophet, my ow red her of a dangerous difease deliver nay, to be fure to be happy in to this my predictions and prognostick ficks ( concerning the life and death o my Patients (for they must al the wo ways have a hint of that, al the is though the thought of death b how I an unwelcome guest) I will de what t will be liver mine opinion both wayes I will threaten, or rather preten isrealo the danger of death to the fic with, party (if my opinion be def some red,) with a But if fuch an loud fuch means be used, you ma Undert haply recover : and to for mgo by-ftander, or hanger on, I will how fecretly whifper that there is r nothin danger at all; or elfe I willing promise life to the patient, which the is altogether wished, and thre the ten death to fome other inqu pound fitour: and thus was a learn the Doctour in Physick ove m: matched by a meaner Practutere cant in Physick, at Alhford Breen Kent, who used this policy a al his prognosticks. I have i Dan v m TCC

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ifak my own part and office, herein my delivered my self well enough nation to this Nurse in my prognoeathe flicks concerning the event of the womans ficknesse, for whom , the is come: I have told her how the woman is affected, will what the difease is, and what wave will be the event; and the Nurfe preter is reasonable well satisfied herehe fowith, but yet I have omitted be de fomething, that the will be fure that to tell me of, for fince the hath oum undertaken the matter, she will o for not go without her errand. So, n In now the asks me if I perceive ere is nothing elfe by the water ? and I magine well enough what it is whi elfe that I should perceive by the it; for when that question is propounded, it is to know whether lam the woman be with child or or no: to whom I answer, that prathere are many moe things to be Mord perceived by the water (but not olicy at all times) as whether a wohave man were with child or no, C 12 which m-Deile

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r; bu in therefore hath vowed the conis trary; and indeed the was fene water onely to hear mine opinion of , buthe water, the which, if the like, T well hall haply hear further from the party, but if not, fhe hath orcould der to go to another Pifs-Pro-Tyd phet, and fo if the like not his war opinion neither, from him to aand to ber, untill the come to him he conceives) by the water, and s with thing he (I dare fay, the most fool and thing in ave of all the three) is the man that shall be made choice of to cure this woman ; and this s thought great policy in mawith ting choice of an able Phyand ician. It behoves me there-ore to bee my craftf-marecover ter in this Art, for elfe you whe ce here how I am like to be nobeen ed of a Patient, and to have " " if I cannot find the difease by and the water) they will foon con-i, and :lude that I know not how to

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thus cure it. This Nurse tells me inurfe ; deed ( but if she had not told W LOD me, 1 thould have perceived it) 0911 that the came to hear mine opinion of the water, and that the ter, an fick party would fend to mee 加速估 again, when the had heard (the should have faid, if she had linany a but 1 ked it) what was mine opinion, truly h and I think I have fitted her, and now tell the Nurse, that and W Ven the it had been fitter they had fent for some present remedies, than conten thereio to know the disease, or to hear mine opinion of it; fo I hafte becaute her away with her oracle, bid and lo her be sure to deliver it so as ] ( tearin told her, and tell ( but not to M, t the fick party ) to fome of her tredit, neer friends, how dangeroufly abetter the is fick, and that I would (if inc cr the think good to make use of roat me ) use the best means to re- inpr cover her that Art could lead My, i meunto; and now I bid her make all the hafte that may be, but yet (before I let her go ma

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mein- thus befpeak her; in faith told Nurse, I commend thee that (dit) hou wilt do thy errand haridone one omely, and make a Phyfician at the ind the difease out of the wato me ter, and not be gull'd (to tell d (he now the party was affected ) as ad is many a fool would have done ; inion, but I hope I have flewed thee d her, truly how the party is aff. Eted ; , that and what is her difeafe, and giadfent ven thee fuch fatisfaction as will than content them that fent thee : lo har therefore here is for thy pains, hate because thou haft put me to it fo bid handfomely, and fo I give her 0 as I (fearing left J should have ernot to red, that the may maintain my of her credit, and in hope of receiving eroully a better fee, for being fent for ) uld if the crack'd groat, or the Harry ult of groat that was fent in flead of to re fix pence, for cafting this water; d las may, if it chance to be fix pence id he indeed, the thall have it all, and fo J shall be fure to have my meffage well done, and perhaps C 4 fhe

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the will tell me that which theding denied before ; but if not, fb in had will magnifie me for my skille) and ] thail be fure to hear fur mopour ther from the party, and have down ! the cafting of all the water dow, that she can bring me; fo J nowpuono fend her away, and laugh at her pundi and the Devil at us both : forder laugh at her, because I have the couzen'd her, and the Devil, thankiller he hath couzen'd us both, byought I making her to believe that Idif olend cern all those things by the wa- ore than ter that I told her, and making ad isb me to back my pretended know- ad lo ledge by fuch fallacies. But do and len not now imagine that I have mita been to long in hand with this Buth Nurfe, in giving judgement of miling this Urine, as | have been in Witte penning the circumftances with Judger she feveral actions and geftures by the that Jufe in the examination of urit t a piffe-pot, which I have fet wind down to help thy understanding, or fo long as thou haft been in lance reading 2611

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the heading them; but that ( as if The di- . or, the had been but now new come versity of (all n) J take the Urinall of her, altions to atimpropound the first question; set be used in have lown the Urinal in the win- judgement waterdow, and pronounce a defcri- from the Inomption of the difease : then pro- Urine. at hapounding the other questions in h: prder (as J have done before) J huelefine or determine the difease, the ell her that fuch and fuch means B. 6 B. 2. th, brought fuddenly to be used, and dif o fend her away; fuppofe therehewa ore that the came but newly in, nating and is but now new gone out, know and fo I have done with her, Butdo und fent her away in a trice, and have im ready for the next commer. h dis But ftay here a little , let that ant of neffenger tarry, and conceive with me how one may give his with udgement of any tharp difeafe thrs by the water, (though it be not ion of here to be feen) in pronouncing ve fet ny judgement upon this last Utance upon many particulars: mark. CS ading

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mark therefore the description lave II 1 good that I gave to the Nurse of the last disease, which J determined erve th to be a Fever, after that I pernot the ceived by the Nurses answer to my first question ( which was, how long the party had been fick) that it was a sharp disease; now my description was this; that muc, the party had a great oppreffion have meffen of ftomach, and no appetite to meat, a great oppilation of the ceive t and ha Liver and Spleen, was very hot, defired much to drink, had a him, to he fhall great pain in the head, and could take no reft, and was taken in and the the manner of an Ague with a tobe pain in the head, and grooving I have thall a in the back, first cold and then hot, the which description may relatio ferve for any sharp discase in Pux, giving judgement of a water; the li Urine yet I do not affirm, that in every sharp disease the party is just Where thus affected in every respect, but my fet for the most part, for if it chance Or elfe to fail and be excepted against, J fall in have

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ption have thewed , how to make of the it good to the meffenger, and to mined lerve the turn to fatisfie him, and per. not the Phylician and practicant to in phyfick. Mark further, that was, in describing of the disease, and ben hewing how the party is affectlifeales ed, I do not yet define, deterthat mine, or name the difease, till refion I have expostulated with the tite to meffenger fo farre, that I perof the ceive the difease from thence, y hot, and have founded enough out of had a him, to tell him any thing that could he shall defire to know of me; in and then I determine the difease with a to be (as the fyinptomes, when ooving I have strictly examined them, then fhall agree with the meffengers nmay relation.) A Fever, the fmall fin Pox, or Maisels, a Plurifie, or water; the like, looking still upon the every Urine, as if I found it there, whereas I hope you well perceive abut my fetches, which help me out, hance or elfe Dan might have fluck ful ink, I fall in the mire. I hope alfo, that have there


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yand his busking Hofe; he was all'd from making of Faggots, the from thrashing, to go to the i; octour and carry this piffe that) with put up in the Vinegar bottle, al id brought to me to judge of; up id it is a very turbid water, of very high, dark, red colour, which, as also by the mefnger, (for I can better tell, by ne meffenger, his gesture, time f coming, hafte to bee gone, nd other circumstances, what des ie party aileth, how long he bif ath been fick, and whether it fins camans or womans water, than ied: or any Phyfician can do by the and Irine, especially if I lived in a who own or City where I had me nuch Country practice) I conthe eive it to be some Country 'armers, his fons, or mans, his fubber de boy, which is his manar oy, or half a man, and half a that wy : But which of them foedain er it be, he hath born is out ket, with head and shoulders (for fo YOUP 280

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your Country people use to define before they fend to a Doctour " unbeen and wraftled to long with thing, and disease, and been so often foilec uthons out, for they do not observement the orders in Moore or Lincoln might h Inne fields, where if a man benide m three times foiled out, it is to medies stand for a Fall, and he is tomot a wraftle no more for that time, as not who that he can no longer stand, and ong the yet he is to have one bout more whe with the difease who hath automans cruel fecond in this Duel, even confitte death it felf: And now (-it melent nature be not affifted by Art ) int, of this fellow, whole fecond I multipound o be, is like to be put to the worft, liverso and the difease is like to give lithey him a flat fall upon his back in metok his Grave, never to rife again knowle untill the refurrection. There- falely fore if I have any skill, I must Net thi thew it now or never: I now one wo therefore take the water to exa-Tas not mine it, and think to question which with this meffenger (as with the m for former) 1.1.5

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10 doirmer ) How long the party tour )ath been fick, whole water it the has, and to put him fuch other foiled seftions as might fhew me fuch oblementher circumstances which incomnight shew me the difease, and nan bruide me in the prescribing fit ismenedies for the same; but hee is mannot answer me one quition, ine, a ot whose water it is, nor how d, and ong the party hath been fick, no a more or whether it be a mans or a hath a romans water, much less the over onstitution of the body, the (i resent strength of it at this An ime, or whether the party bee Immound or loofe in his body, with work livers other fuch circumstances, o give 11 the which are fo necessary for ack is ne to know, as that without the again mowledge thereof, I cannot There afely prefcribe any phyfick, and nu et this fellow cannot tell mee now one word, for he faith that hee vas not told, but was only hired ieffin o bring me the water, and to bid in the ne fend something to help the party, rmer

The Pifs-Prophet, ØĨ, party, and hath brought eight did teen pence or two shillings with worked him to pay for that which will fhall prefcribe or fend; and a minsi that he can fay, is, that fuch in the p mans fervant came to him to ge ins o him to come, but did not telle dile him whole water it was, nor how infor long the party had been fick with And now, what on Gods Name where shall I doe in this cafe? for it imufes prefumed that I know the diffine or cafe by the water, and all other ho (be circumstances belonging to themany fame, which are requilite for to unbert guide me in the prefcribing of fit that remedies, and ] have pretended diron asmuch, and holpen to nurfe up marto folks in this folly, (as other Phy-aded to ficians have done before me) by the th giving my judgement of difeases meth by the fight of the Urine, and herefo backing my pretended knowledg by fuch fallacies as J have fpdken of, without the which, neither J nor any Physician in the world can give any judgement of

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tright a disease, nor come to the with nowledge of fuch circumstanwhich es (unlesse the messenger, that and al rings it, tell us) as may guide us fuch in the prescribing of fafe medi-"togeines every way proper unto not telle disease. J must tell you whowherefore (for mine own part) in fid hat I have already, and do for e-Name er hereafter mean to fteer a new orit isourfe; yet I must, for this one thedilime, prescribe for this fellow, ther the (being all this while out of to the reath with his laft Arthletick for combace, and having caught gol ich a wrinch, (though he playtended d ftrong play, as that he will go uneup ear to fall the next bout) is ex-" Phy-ected to enter the fands, to rene) by ive the quarrel, and to underilas ake the laft encounter. I now e, and herefore take the Urinal (fince wild he meffenger can tell me norefor hing) and look better upon the , nei vater, as if I could tell miracles. in the wit, for J must now make all ment he hafte that may be to fet him

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on foot, fince he is fo earneft admets expected by his adverfarie; Novie what looking upon the water, I perceiv al can it to be very craffe, thick, and tur 28 bid, in all places alike, of an in tenfe, high, dark, red colour; and tick from thence I conceive, that ache difea cording to the fopperous Piffer in p maximes, and rules of our great then Piffe-prognosticatous, there is then it great commixture of supera prive bundant humours, which the cloth fubstance of it (as they fay )being mild n craffe, thick, and turbid, fheweth thether and that nature is not yet able tomethin concoct thefe humours, for there co there would be fome separation ordial in the Urine, and it would not ous hu be in all places alike, but would DATUS; have sediment in the bottome hods and be transparent in the uppermitten part; I conceive alfo that he know hath a great Fever, for that the matter colour sheweth, being red and with high, and that there is great high danger, for it is of an high dark red colour, tending to blacknef

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Nor 11 what manner of Fever it is, treiver I cannot discern by the Undurne (as common people supaningfe) the paffions and aff. ets of arian e fick party, that determine that at he difease, and should guide Piffe e in prescribing fit remedies, " great nd therefore I cannot tell whethe is ner it be best to let him bloud, uper give him a purging potion, the Clyfter, or whether his body bin ould now bear any of these, or hether I were best to give him ablet omething to make him fleep, or or the one cooling Julib, or some aruic Cordial Antidote to expel noxad no bus humours from the vitall would arts; now which of these mentonie nods I shall best use ( for the meneffenger can tell me nothing) hat know not, but however the that hatter is not great, for the pared any ventureth but his life, and gra vhy should not I adventure my n big kill against it? I now thereding: ore pronounce the party to be ackn: fick

The Piffe-Prophet, fick of a bastard Plurifie (for it no matter what J fay to th messenger,) or a Fever, and that the party would hardly recover further adding, that he should have been let bloud a week ago and that I feared it would nov be too late, but yet J wish it to be done, for if any thing in th world recover him, it must b that; and if that do it, it is bu Hab, Nab, but yet however, must put it in practice; so now hafte away the meffenger to get a Chirurgion to let him bloud and tell him where, and in what quantity it must be done; and now it is a queftion whether the disease, or the life be let out by this bloud-letting : if bloud offending in quantity, or corrupt bloud (offending in qualinave ty) putrified by choler in the II 01 ding leffer veins, be let out, the difease re be o may chance to be let out with it, and fo Mors or Death may tarry C top for a facrifice, till some other 1.551 fickneffe,

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brit kneffe take him upon more to the vantage. But if the good add oud, feeming to be inflamed, let out, when this Fever prothe age cater veins, or from Flegme, hit mach, Spleen, or Mefentery, in the ought to be purged, the in the (in ftead of the difease) may hish let out, by loffe whereof the bt to God and Nature would paid. But haply (inftead of bud-letting)] prefcribe at ranto grane, (for fo J must do in eier) fome purging Potion, and fet the difease and a medicine terthe fucceffe to fortune. And blow blow blow J care not : for if he die, have taught them to blame in the ding any fooner; but if Na-difest re be of fuch force, that the be in the le to with fta nd the conflict tan tween the difeafe and the Anothe tidote, encilia



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ake pare fo come to passe, that it was that Gods providence, faying, (fic. ave molacuit Domino, ) it was Gods the will it should be so, and so re-) than ing your felves contented, but to Go ill tormenting your felves furhadbener, in thinking that this child, Naumat friend, this brother, or that i min fter might have been recovered, " af the best means had been used, alle the if God would not have direuppolited thee unto that means, had it d, ot been his will now to take ely a his party unto himself. And stello low, Jhope that you perceive in proy these few instances, how a lass nan may deceive the wifeft mefcontrienger that you can fend unto a by for Phyfician with a water, and thew ack-farou the discase by the same, alif whough it be not there to bee www.ound, and how great danger mint hey put their lives in, that adoff gra renture to take physick preferiif thed by the fight of the Ulrine ever bonly; and fo J have done athin with all tharp and violent difcales 1 33



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ing to inftance and fhew my cunning ingin in giving judgement upon Umany rines in violent difeafes) that in violent difeafes) that in violent difeafes are either fharp and vioother lent, (the which J have fpoken in the of) or Chronicall and of conthat inuance, fuch as J am now to peak of next; and that, in fharp lifeafes, the Urine is for the moft part of an high red colour, and hat there is a Fever always joi-

with every tharp difease; thing J shewed you that one may ive a description how any fick of party is affected in any violent viller ifeafe, by rekoning up the comtime ion fymptomes and companifarmins of a Fever, (which are opreffion of ftomach, want of apmetite, Heat, Thirft, Pain in the rad, want of fleep, &c.) and ake the meffenger believe that mile perceive the difease by the war, because J shew how the urty is in some kind affected, here which neither J, nor any am hyfician in the world can perceive

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ceive in, or by water, but gather meine by confequence, when we once ad-ach conceive that it is a violent difease; for then we know that prefent there is a Feaver joyned, and that hinay o there are fome of those Symp-ulment tomes (that I named) joined with hyfician it, but yet I doe not know what rought kind of feaver it is, nor what violent disease it is (and therefore ponno I do not name or determine it ing ftr untill I have expostulated w the Ur the meffenger, in fuch manner as uiled an I have already fhew'd, and therby ar, and come to the knowledge of fome the specifical note, or differences eisbr which determine the fame. or a tel

I must now likewise give yound ion to understand (before that I come ontenes to examine some few Urines, to shew you how I give my judgement of Chronical diseases) that in Chronical diseases) that in Chronical diseases (such as are the Dropsie, Gout, Palsey, Falling sicknesse, Scurvey, FrenchPox, n, wh Green-sicknesse, Malacie, which is the disease of women newly by for con-

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or, Pisse-pot Lectures. ather pnceived with Child, Cough, once ead-ach, Mother, and fuch like) nt di le Urine is no way faulty, but that presenteth the Urine of healththat I; nay oftentimes the most health. I men in the world, and yet the with hyfician (fuch a Urine being what ought unto him) must fentence vio e partie that made it, to be fick, trefore pon no other proof but only this ing ftrumpet, and falfe witneffe the Urine ) fuborned by the bemeraniled and fo felf-conceited vultherby ur, and connived at by the Pifsom uffice or Judge, before whom e is brought, who is corrupted r a teltar, sometimes for more, " yound sometimes for lesse, and is comontented to accept of her eviince for truth , when he ide iows it to be a palpable lye s) that at the comes to affirme. She is hasa deed the dumb meffenger be-Fallin veen the Doctour and his pati-Pox it, who (inftead of paffing the whic lation of his difease in writing, new by some discreet meffenger) COL D 2 piffeth.

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piffeth his mind in his water, and ale by expecteth an answer; But if ] algiv should write him an answer in a tone to letter written in the fame lanr Kna guage, I doubt he would fcarce read it. How then shall I doe, who must answer his expectation, fince the Urine in this cafe the weth no difease at al? Or what oracle shall I give? Shall I fay (fuch a water being brought unto me) I doe not perceive by this water that the partie that made it is fick, or ayleth any thing? farre be it from me for thinking fo: If I should return fuch an ho-Tengt nest plain-dealing answer, both an sun the meffenger and he that fent ne nor him would perceive me to be dif cafed in my brain, without the caffing of my water, and would prefently fay, that I were troubled with the fimples: For why (would they fay )have I fent IUS W or brought this Urine if the party be not fick? Is not this a wife When Doctour that cannot tell the Difcafe

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tr, and ut if 1 ease by the water? This Doctour in a cone to fuch a Doctour (Rogue or Knave you might call him) fare that hath told me my difease di-ldoe, rectly by the water, and he shall rectly by the water, and (for me) for is cale let him : And thus you grumble rwhat at your Doctour, if he honeftly lifey tel you that the Urine doth not by the body, the prefent inking and body, the prefent inking and body, the prefent the not feeing the partie) the difwould ently fufpect him of ignorance, WER and think that he fould tell you Fo hefe things by the Urine. And hus was I lately taxed by a Go-Mpat lip at East-greensted in Sussex awa where I lived and began my ic Dif D3 practice. cal

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practice) becaufe I was ftrict in Goligi in examining the state of her bo- wanted die, that I might not erre in pre- ved he fcribing her fomething to give retrain her ease of that which the com- than to plained of; for it was very fuspi- ft the tious that the was with child, and asis ul the pretended that the defired to whoth take fomething by my preferip- nor fyn tion, but because I asked her so ingto many questious ( the which she man, b thought I should have refolved edina my felf by the water) the would therwi none of mine advise, but reported difale that I had no skill in waters, and Water faid, I asked her many queftions, difeafe but could tell her nothing from ineco the water. I fpare to name her, the U yet I wish that the may chance to high n read this Story, wherein the may impor perceive that I could have copartic zen'd her, that she may blush to be all think that the was fomuch a fool, confil & thank me that I have canonias im zed her for a fool-Saint, by no oand ve ther name but the name of for co Goffip; give

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id i Goffip; and fo let her know that I wanted not wit to have deceiipre ved her, had not my wil been ogiv restrained by a beeter resolution than to use such base deceipt (to infi fit the humours of my Patients) dan as is used to delude the vulgar, red who think that there is no difeaf ekrip nor fymptome thereof, belongher ing to the body of man or wothe man, but that it may be discernfolve ed in the Urine: Yet it is farre owould therwise, for in these Chronical outs diseases (for the most part) the sand water feemeth not to import any difeafe at all, and yet the party is fion for irrecoverably ficke: so likewife the Urine is 'oftentimes of an ne he high red colour, and feemeth to nce ti import a violent Fever, when the e ma e co partie is not ficke at all : It may be also of so good a colour, and luht confistence, in a violent disease, atoo as importeth no difease at all, moni and yet the party fick unto death; 7 no 0 for confirmation whereof, I will ot give you two or three inftances, Golf out 4

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out of mine own experience, and referre you to Doctour Hart for further fatiffaction, who in his Book intituled, The Anatomy of Vrines, hath fet down many examples out of his own observation, as alfo out of the most ancie it & authenticke Writers, which confirme the fame which I affirme. First, therefore, to confirm: this point, that the ficke party is often irrecoverably ficke of a most Acute and violent difeafe, when his water feemeth not to import any difease at all; I had a Urine brought me (when I lived at East-Greensted in Suffex, where I was then a young practicant in Phylicke) which did not feem to import any disease, but was of a better colour and confiltence then mine own, who was in perfect health, in fo much that I could not difcern thereby that the party was ficke, much leffe that he was ficke unto death of aviolent disease : But I did not tell

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and tell the mellenger that brought mfor it that I did not perceive by the his water, that the partie was ficke, of then I might have fhew'd my tim. lelfe to have been a foole, and to ation, have had no skill in waters, as that Goffip thought me that I laft on spake of; but thus I handled the meffenger; I asked him how long this the partie had been ficke, and he isof answered me, a weeke; from when difease, for else I should (if I had when mont Unite afe, and fo fhould have given a wrong defcription of the fame, because the water feemed to imint in fem port no disease at all: So when I had gathered by his answer to t was that question, that it was a violent disease, I likewise knew that that I that gave him but the description of a Fever, to fhew him how the leff partie was affected, and he was th of very well fatisfied therewith, and id not thought D 5 tell

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thought I perceived the difeafe tion of in the water. Now having given fignes o this description, how the partie decig was affected, & that he had a Fe- with h ver (and indeed a man needs not cheeks to fay any more, what kind of betwee Fever soever it be) I fell to some great ( conference neerer to the matter and per (with the Meffenger) whereby I that he came to understand the difease freak, better then by the Urine : and throat now I begin to tell him the dan- well of ger that the partie was in, and he of his defires me ( for the meffenger was imain kinfman unto the ficke partie) bet in that I would be pleased out of put charitie (for the ficke man was change poor, by profession la Shooethat w maker, by name John Lintell) to leave o goe alone with him, and to fee get aw him, the which I granted, and of his went along with the meffenger him, t to see this ficke partie, whom I that w found lying in his bed, not able thatw to stirre himself, ficke of a periwheth pneumonicall Fever (which is Itoo theApoftumation and inflammadeath

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tion of the lungs) with all the fignes of death in his face upon anie the eighth day of his ficknesse, afe with tharp note, hollow eyes, red inot cheeks, a great pain in his back indo between his shoulders, and a font great oppression of his stomach numer and pectorall parts, in fo much by I that he could scarce breath or fall speak, but with ratling in the : and throat; all the which when I had edan well observed, I put him in mind adhe of his mortality and prefent erwas imminent danger, gave him the best instructions I could to preartic out a pare himselfe for that fodain mwa change of this life for another, hove that was like to be,& fo took my (1) the leave of him : but before I could win get away, I was defired by fome of his friends that were about 311 him, to tell them (for they think lenge that we can furely tell, or elfe Inon that we are not our craft (masters) t abl whether he would die or no; and peri I took upon me to determine his ich i death before eight of the clocke mma the

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thefe the next night, within halfe an houre of which time he dyed : TOYE fape But (before I could get out of the chamber) they began to whifnot ne woald per, as the manner is, and to fcoff but d me to my face, faying amongst DUITE themfelves, that they did not perceive but that he might live nound groun as long ar I; but my predictions mine proved fo true, and were fo foon accomplished, that I came off houre proba from that their centure with more than ordinary credit, for men, vill as much as I had prefixed fo than fhort a time of his life, and the a fick event (death) following now fo unlef neere the utmost bounds and li-Almi mits of the time. Yet I confesse Idare ingenuouily, that I was too peremptory in determining his may. their death within to short a time, or by fuch an houre, for I had touc told them that he could not live Incn. untill fuch an houre (which was Know cight of the clock) and that, if he Thene their should escape that hour, that he would recover; But yet both of TUC thefe

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the these predictions might have ved : proved falle, for he might both at of escape that hours, and yet might whif not recover (though I faid he of would, if he passed that houre) nongh but dye within a few dayes or d not houres after: Neither did I protlive nounce my judgement from any itions grounds of Art, that did deterfoon mine his death within fuch an ne of houre, but only by coujecturall with probabilitie; for your cunning t, for men, or Conjurors, nay the Ded lo vill himfelf, cannot otherwife d the than upon conjecture dctermine ow to a ficke mans life unto an houre, d lie unleffe you make him one of the nieffe Almighties fecret counfell. Nay ope. I dare affirme, that the Devils his may, and often are deceived in time, their conjecture and calculations Ihad touching the life and death of live men, and yet their naturall hwa knowledge is farre more then iffe mens, for they are spirits; and whe their acquired knowledge is as that much beyond mens, because they are

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are antienter then men (even a bot from the beginning of the with world) and are not fubject to the wift) fame mortality than man is, who live un (before he come to begin to that have understanding ) is in his hould Grave. I say therefore, that no hink Phyfician, nay the Devills (who book, are ancienter than Æ sculapius or that Hippocrates, or any of that race) know cannot determine the life and provide death of a man, but upon con- that jecture, and may be deceived; that but yet you look that a Phyfician likew should be able to doe it, and not Toung to erre, because such an event by na doth oftentimes accidentally Verv follow fuch a peremptory conof th clusion as this of mine was, that the f this party would dye within Were fuch an hour. It is true indeed, beta and I might truely fay (the nabeft ture of the discase, and the perc strength of the body, with all o-Qa ther fignes of death being well befo cofidered ) that I thought the paropp and tie would scarce live untill such

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ere in houre : but if I should fay without any qualification of the tothe lense) that the party would not symplive untill fuch an houre, and in what he would recover if he ishi thould pass that hour, you might un think that I spake without my who book, for I could not fay fo, but wo that I must speak more than I. race know, and fo derogate from the and providence of God, in affuming ncon that knowledge unto my felfe ived that belongs only to him. I was iciar likewise called to another luftie d not young man ( one John Duffield by name) in the very fame Town even null very thorely after, who was ficke of the very same disease, in V COT the fame manner, whofe friends that were very importunate at me to vichin be tampering with, and to use my ndeed best skill to recover him, but I e na d the perceived that there had another allo Quack been tampering with him before, who had omitted the We opportunity of letting himblood, epan and found him to farre and in ind fuch 2 1.1

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tding been ficke, who answered almost ted to week; from whence I gathered that it was a violent disease, a!hough the water did not wit-eff: the fame, and fo gave the telever, which newed how the party was affect-Ant d, and made the meffenger think have hat I perceived his disease in have he water; but you (I hope) well erthe erceive how I did it, and how man may be fick unto death, have is Urine fhewing no difease at for it 11 and if a Phyfician can fatisfie he meffenger, and feem to demor-of the local difease, by the Urine, of the local difease, by the Urine, de eed to fit in judicature upon his modest harlot (the Urine) water tho in Chronical difeases feem-th to import no difease at all, talk-und yet she is caught ip so facto in ding per close tricks, for which the is "pon come to publick censure. But the irst, before I come to examine his ftrumpet, I must further thew had you how I come to know cerbeen tainely

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tainly whether it be a Chronic al, discase or no, fince the is (name any) ly the Ulrine) fo perfidious a thyar that there is no credit to be ginicald ven to any thing that fhe conum!) to give in evidence concerning Chr the state of any fick or well be shave dies water whomfoever : Noim the that I difcern (namely whether inter be a Chronicall disease or no everit by the fame question that I pro or no pounded in giving my judgmen 10 gi upon Urines in violent difeases pleases and that queffion was this; bagge onely asked the meffinger how and the long the party had been fick difal by answer whereunto I am cer out fo tified, or at least have strong alread prefumption, whether it be a nica Chronical or violent disease fpeak for if the Piffe-post fay a week difea or leffe, I then presume that i fent is a violent disease : But if the Darty Piffe-bearer fay that the party 1 hath not been very well a good he b while (which is their answer such commonly in a Chronical difeafe,

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toniceafe, when we ask how long the nam party hath been fick, for indeed ious they are not fick in most Chroobenical discases, but are illish or not comwell) I dare fay then that it is cemira Chronical difease; and when el bil have once received this answer " No to the fore-named question, (let that the water be of what colour foor mever it will, or whether I fee it I pro or no, I care not) I know how dent to give an answer that shall itale please the messenger, and fill his is; bagge, but put nothing in it; tr ho and though the vvater shew no n fc disease at all, (for so it falleth m a out for the most part, as I have that already told you, in these Chroit be nical diseases, that I am now to ifed speak of nex; ) yet I will find the a we disease ( for which the party the fent it) out of it : nay, ( if the if party thould have no difease at all, but fend his Urine to fee if part he be not inclining unto fome 1 g00 such hereditary disease as his anfw Parents have died of, or been al di fubject cal



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ke to be a breach. But (J pray) Stone hay not this Phylick-tinker ike) who pretending fuch knowand adge by the Urine, is constraied to back his pretended know-anger edge by fuch base fallacies ) and nay not (J fay) nay, will he not, hink you (under pretence of conthe ortifying that place vybere you interest a breach) grate an hole in interest nother to let in difeafes, to ultime nake himfelf continual vyork, he which (at laft) will let out hat precious liquor of thy life, hat thou wouldst bee loth to the same ofe? But I leave that to thine y, be own charity to judge of; and nimit o betake my felf to my Study, o come forth from thence in my ind jown and my cap, to entertain he next Piffe-bearers, vyho now then regin to come thick and threethen o my Study, from vvhence ou fhall fee me come forth pre-ou fhall fee me pronounce inter ou gudgement, upon the falfe evidence S DEVO 盐

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After what manner (if divers Pifsmessengers come together) they must be examined : How to frem (by the Urine) the Sexo, whether a woman be with child or no, how long it is fince the conceived of it, 210 and whether the shall bring forth a boy or a girle, although the Vrine shew none of all these.

Nd now I am in my Study indeed, and you think (I (uppose) at my book, in earnest confultation with Hippocrates, or Galen, or some other learned Phyfick Author; but if I be looking upon any book at all, it shall rather be Gordonius his tractate of the Cautions of Urines, wherin hes teacheth a Phyfician, (tho gh

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inchough I think his intention quen as to teach him not to be dehab. ived by the Urine) to deceive for e people by the fame : otherife I am meditating how to on any occasion whatfoever : Ill, id my mind being now fet the ore upon the benefit that omes to my felfe by the hether iffe-pot, than to others by my , but udy, I mind my gate or doore lift lore than my book, though I am for i my fludy (where haply, my they, ame being up, I have a bed, and m lying upon it, and should ave lain there till noon, had I Such ot been interrupted) and hear i great knocking at my gate, and and uft my felfe (in my mans ab-(ates, ense) be fain to goe see what and he matter is: fo to my gate I look rudge, in all precipitious haft, with a quick pace and a fharp that ooke, importing greater busines when han to examine a Piffe-pot, where I find three or four Piffecian, meffenhe st
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meffengers at onee, (with thei Urinals under their aprons whom I usher into my Hall, an there begin (before I take then afide apart to Lecture upon thei waters) to look very fternly upon them, and ask them very haffily (to the end that I may dash then fo farre out of countenance, that they may not be capable of conceiving whether I erre or no in giving my judgemene on their waters, and to make them the more ready to tell me whatfoever I shall demand of them) what they would with me, where they live, whole water it is for whom they come, &c. And they are all ready to prefent me their waters, looking who shall be dispatched first: but before I take any of their Urinels of them, I found them how farre I shall be puzled with them, dispatching them first, that I shall be least troubled withall. To the first, therefore I fay, where live you? and the anfwers

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h the vers, at fuch a place, naming : I further ask her whofe wa-r it is? and the faith her iffreffes : I ask her alfo who is r Miftreffe, to which the an-vers me very orderly, and is bw ready to put forth her Uri-il unto me, but I doe not vet vers, at fuch a place, naming in a ll unto me, but I doe not yet ke it, nor I ask her no more ofton reftions, for the will be ready tell me whatfoever I thall deand : I come therefore to a and : I come therefore to a iond, and ask her where fhe tore vells, and (fhe having told me) where the hath like whole water it that fhe hath brought, and fhe where the company of the bring it unto me, and is ready to give me her Uri-path 11 bur brought of the bring it unto me, and utonil, but i refuse it : I goe now any on third, and ask her (for they found for the most part She-pisse-netter in a great Town or the y) where she dwells, and that able is contented to tell me: but ore nen I ask her whole water it is, allpauleth here, and begins to wen make E

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make a doubt whether the wer hance best to tell mee that, or no than and therefore answers, that d de it is a friends of hers: I then then ask her what friend it is, and fcrin whether it be a mans or a wo mans water; and the tells me e de that I shall perceive that by th water, (thinking that I can o ought to doe fo indeed) when look upon it, and holds fort her Urinall unto me, in hor that I will dispatch her first, bu Ircfuse to take it, for I am liket be puzled with her, and it wi require more time and Art t answer her than both the other and therefore the thall tarry t be the last answered for the trick. I now therefore take th Urinall of her that told me the it was her Mistreffes water, an fingle her out from her fellow and bid her follow me into and ther room (for I must not let fi verall meffengers hear what fay to each other) because I ma chanc make



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up and downe indeed, and that I had faid very right, and tell me, that her Mittreffe defired that I would certific her whethe the were with child, or no; fo now fet down the Urinall in the window, and tell her that i muft stand fo a little while, and fettle, and then I will tell her prefently. In the mean time, I fal times of to parley with the maid, and ask conception. her, whether her miltreffe have had any child or no, and how long (if the have) it is fince the had one; and the faith, a year, a year and an half, or almost two yeares: and (indeed) moft childing women goe a year, or neer upon, and many a year and half, and fome two years before they conceive with child again, efpecially if they nurse their children themfelves. I ask her likewife, if the can tell whether her Mi-\$ 12 51 3 DIL

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shewsnot, whether a woman be with child or no, and yet for fashion fake I take the Urinal in RTCKS my hand again, and fall to peering into it (as though I looked for some little child there ) And (ay now to the maid, that her Mistreffe is not very well in her 007, 2 stomach, hath no appetite to 17 ; meat, is ill in her ftomach in a He, morning, and apt to vomit af. Mater ter meat (and fo are most childhad b ing women at this time) and Ittn fay, that the is a quarter gone ieth o with child, which jumps juf with ten weeks, according to DET CE the common computation of a womans going forty weeks: but I do not fay, that the is ten weeks Ra with child, or just fo long as to be fince the had her natural courfer erant laft, for that would make them that fo cunning (in time) that they would not fend their waters to Tare a Doctour to caft to know whether they were with child or no, but I fay, the is a quarter gone with

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makewith child, which is but as et formuch as to have faid the is ten inal weeks with child, or just fo long tope as fince the had her courses laft, ooka which was (as the maid told (Amme) ten vvecks ago. I further hat her fay, that she is with child of a in hoboy, and to fay fo, is an even the wlay; yet, left it should prove in false, I say (looking upon the How you mit a water very earnestly) that if it are to child had been brought when it had deal with been warm, or when the had gom been quick with child, or fome be refoli fuch like flam, I could have told ved, wheing ther certainly whether the were ther the of with child of a boy, or of a child's s:bu girle, but I verily think it will like to be met be a boy ; fo now , if it chance girle. ong to be a boy indeed, it will be ourse granted that I knew for certain that it would be a boy, and I athe shall be accounted one of the ters t rareft Doctours in the Town; whe but if it chance to be a girl, the orm flam, that I gave to the maid, got and the truth of my predictions Wil in. C 4

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in determining the Gentlewo man to be with child, and tel ling her how long the was gon with child, will help to bear ou the other, fo that I shall not hav my skill one jot abated thereby I now therefore tell the maid (as if the had come in but now that her Miltreffe is not ver vvell in her ftomach, hath no appetite to meat, is inclining to vomit after meat, is vyich child a quarter gone, (and as I think of a boy, and that it were very convenient for her to take form corroborating Electuary tt ftrengthen and fercle her ftomach, though the b: with child nay, I cell her, that it will be good, not only for her, but for her child alfo; and I bid her tel her Mistreffe, that it will make her child to prosper the better within her, and make it the more lively, fo that the thall be the better able to bring it forth with the more cafe ; nay, I tell her

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levo her, that it will make her bring d to forth the more wife and undergoodtanding child. And fo I have aroudone with the maid, bid her rethay member me to her Miftreffe, and trebuloe fure to tell her what I had millaid : and now I am fure that I now hall get a fee for my felf, and a t verfeeling for mine Apothecary; for what woman (being with child) ing would not have it to profper chill within her? but would the not int nore gladly bring it forth with afe, and most gladly (it being for prought forth) have it prove a. wife and understanding child? I are fay the would, though for hill no other end, but (meerly out of pride and emulation) to have it wifer (that is, wittier, and more harp-witted) than her neighmik pours, and not fo much out of defire that it should attain true beitz wisdome: but whatever her heth hink my felf of fomething to perform that which I promifed, Ite for E 5 ha

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for this Gentlewoman will re- Ide pair unto me for fuch an EleofOu Auary as I spake of; to which ble for purpose, I have the most admilearne rable receipt in the world, I this G learned it of a proud Goffip very Ber a lately, into whole company I bid he light by chance, who was vemorni ry inquisitive to learn where she after n might get some Quinces, and in under a proud scornful manner queftithink oned with me concerning the prefer nature and vertue of them ; who Where told her that they did corrobother ( rate the ftomach, and vvere coothe ch ling and reftringent, and theretheres fore good against vomiting, and ferve fluxes; at which the feemed to rare forn, and faid, that the had Marm heard a learned Doctour fay, that done they being eaten of a great belli-Gent ed-vvoman, vvould make her prefic bring forth a wife child, as if I whic could not as well tell how farre mitin shey conduce to the producing toma of a wife child, as her learned batter Doctour. But suppose Marmachild lade,

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lie lade, or some other confection Els of Quinces alone to be admirahich ble for that purpose, yet I have Ilearned more wit than to tell this Gentlewoman fo, or to give very her a box of Marmalade, and bid her cat often of it in the " morning fafting, and before and the after meat; no, the would then nd in under-value my skill, and scarce think me worthy of a fee; but I prescribe her an Electuary, who wherein M rmalade, or fome orobo ther confection of Quinces is the chief ingredient, but I mix there therewithall some species or conand ferves to feem to prefcribe fome d w rare, curious thing, though Marmalade alone would have ythat done as well : I shall ferve this -Gentlewoman even fo, and shall the prescribe her such an Electuary 3. which may haply ftay her voim miting, and corroborate her. ning fromach, fo as the may have a and better appetite to meat, and her child may become the more livelack; 17

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ly, and prosper the better within her; but whether it will make the child fo wife as to know its own father or no, I know not; I dare not promise: but let her now fend when the wvill, for J am provided for her; and fo ] have done with her maid, and fent her away, and am ready to encounter with the fecond (and to fend her away as wife as the came ) who told me that it was a Gentlewovvater that thee had mans brought.

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CHAP. VII. will as to bat Physicians are often fain to reckon up most of the Symp-BO, [ tomes that accompany all the nife: Chronical diseases of all the en fhe parts of the body (from head ed for with to heel) untill they bit upon that which the messenger looky,and eth for, because the Urine (for h the most part) in a Chronical fickaway neffe, seemeth not to import any told disease at all: and that a CWO-Physician ( if he give a falle. had description of the disease, so that be be taken up by the mef-Senger for the Same) must make it good however.

Am now come forth with the Maid, whom J have difatched, and bid the fecond reffenger follow me into the ume room where J gave my Oacle unto the Maid: where beng come, J fay, come (good woman) give me thy Urinal, and

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a very vveak back? to which e that I answer, yes marry hath the (fo 11 elfe why fhould fhe ask me? )an fomething elfe too, vvhich fhall tell you prefently; and the I take the Urine and look upo it, and shake it together, an HICE ) fet it down in the window t this fettle, pretending that it wil fhew me fomething elfe anon In the mean time J gather by conference with the meffenger whether it bee a married woo mans, or a maidens water, and then I take the Urinal and fay (if it be a married vyomans that the hath a very vyeak back indeed, and that the is troubled with the Whites, which is a disease that very many women are troubled withal, that complain of vyeak backs: fo now I have made amends for not naming it at the first amongst the other Symptomes : and now the thinks that I have found it out by the vyater, never dreaming

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while ng that J conclude, that fhee (in the ach a weak back, from her que-) at ion, and adde, that fhe hath hich he Whites, as a difeafe that foldite ows that weaknesse of back, but multinks (because J look in the ) myater) that I find it there : but ow if this water chance to bee a " Walaiden-Gentlewonians, who anon's eicher troubled with a pain or er bleat in her back, and the mefinger ask me, if the be not trou-"led with one of them, J preday a water (for they commonly o both together) by thiking akhad nd looking into it, as allo by oubled ruing it down a little to fettle, in is a nd taking it up again ftraightvomen vays, (for it is quickly found) o not reat pain and heat in her back ot no o, and (according to her ipeneffe, and readineffe for the non nan) that fhe would have the ind it tone, or rather the Stones, if hear ac could tell how to get them:

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differ some other devise to catch hermer Love in a Cleft flick; for the inglath heard of fuch tricks, and hit home that have profeffed Phythat here, have taught that Art, and a gooivers both men and women reamentave repaired unto fuch Knaves, a; and by practizing fuch wicked tr be deans as hath been taught them) that have obtained their Lovers; but weret if the repair unto me again fage for this purpose (though J have is more en very youthful in descanting d this pon her water) J will read her ly mgraver Lecture, for J disclaim ight mich knowledge (though haply min know more than fuch a Rogue welles shall practife it) and detest hom ich wickedneffe at mine heart. re gut ut now this long Parenthefis, nion r discourse concerning this meda naiden-Gentlewoman , may inlor em to have had hindred the o fom ispatch of the woman that han ame for the married gentlewodne nan: yet if you do suppose that nowde are came in but now, and that J have

The Pise-Prophet, 104 Of. have but now taken her to doman and have gathered (after that ix thin once pronounced a descriptionant of the difease) by parley wi her, that the Gentlewoman married, and fuch other circun stances as J would know, yo shall not perceive but that J pr fently dispatch her; taking th in te Urinal in my hand, and from th TION I water (though fhe have told n 1677 all) pronounce the disease, an fay, that the Gentlewoman has a very weak back, is trouble with the Whites, and that th no disease had hindered ( for ye must conceive that the woma kai sold me that this Gent, lewom: in hath not had any child this thr ter. or four yeares) her conceivir Rite with child, and that the would have no more children, unlei the were freed of them; and no I must think upon somethir (against she fend) to cure th Gentlewoman, for J ant fu the'll to't again for the t'oth boy

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Ing for to correct the perver fe disporom unition of crosse messengers : and told afterwards to make the mellenger all, a believe that thou canst conjure, by an har the wing the disease by the Orinal mublicase. How men will serve their nat it wives ( who would fain be rid of or yo hem ) and women their husbands. wom when they have been with a Phywom ician (for advice) the one for the his the ther. The notable imposture of a reivis Butter-box about this Towne, who wow retendeth great skill (above omit her men) in giving judgement nd no of difeases by the Urine. nethin

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(when I asked her whole wate ome, a it was that the had brought) the att it i the would prove a croffe peece c and pee flesh to deal withall : I mu therefore handle her gently, fo the wildest colts are oftener ta med by gentle means, as by let ting them have the reigns lie ftil in their necks, and giving ther thall, their play, then by curbing there gos in too straightly, or by labour at hun ing to quiet them by fwitch an me, spurre, or the lash : I therefor in fuffer this colt to play in hepreoth own halter, till the have fo tire an or hampered her felf, that I ma lay, or doc what J will with her : I do wis as in no wife handle her roughly mit-c or speak harshly unto her, an utar fay, come you with your friend with water, and let me fee it, anyfol (when I have taken it of her when ask her whether it be a mans o baven a womans water, for it feemet in a by her other answer, that th rowne will not tell me that, and the will fay (the denying to tel me) come ale come

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wat me, a Pox on't, tell me whofe t) thater it is, for J have not time to and peering into it, for every ming that I must tel you, though , fould find it there, if I had not mercher fish to feeth: and indeed by le eir foolish peevishnesse had ftentimes) need to be fo met the thall, and fome phyficians gite ve gone that straine, and by abor at humour have gotten more thane, then their transcendent erch ill in Phyfick or learning ain hove other men hath deferved : foir It ] am not of that humour, no, ay, come good woman (who ild nks as much of goodneffe, as a bult-cat of muske)] have made u tarry, but you thall not alfinigether lofe your labour; T i, any follow me; and fo J conof her into my Parlour, where and have my man waiting for me tem tith a cup of Ale, with a Nuttowne toft in it, or elfe a cup of di pod English Bear of fixteen at on te leaft, with Nutmeg and Su-COLL gar

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ff, The Fiffe-Frophet, 108 gar in it for my morning draught, and fit me down in m 14110 chair, and fay, here good woman ith tw I drink to you, and fo fetch o ofe-Wi a boul of almost a pinte, and bi the m my man fill the good woman cup, and put in fome more Nu OTTATI meg and Sugar, and bid her t tr t drink an hearty draught : an TOUP when the hath drunk, J bid m er wit man fill me another cup, that need 1 may walk both mine eyes, fo tha Ime I may fee the better to differe r: ho this woman quickly: and when have drunk that off, I bid m mo e to man fill the good woman and dit ther cup, and bid her mend he naf draught, and tell her that the drink Nutmeg and Sugar in he ince Beer in a morning will make he water fweet. And thus are the per verse dispositions of crosse met fengers better corrected than th malignity of Scammony, with Anife-feed, Rubarbe with fpilte Agarick and Turbich with Sal gemme, Ginger, or Galingall Senn

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ingenna with Ginger, or Cinamon, ack Hellebore with Mafticke, or inamon, or Lapis Armenius the ith twenty times washing in di ofe-water. But now to return onap the matter, I have washed a-Noray all the ill quality of this her momans nature with the cup of eer that J gave her, and rought her to fo good a temthat er with my loving speeches, that form need not fear, but that the will for any thing that J shall ask then er: however, J have now drunk bid y mornings draught, & shall be manople to see the clearer, if J must id hend it all out? of the water, that hat to must shew. J therefore now fay, mk ome good woman (it is a great hehe nance but that J lie; ) how long ath your friend been fick ? and te me cannot answer me to this ueftion without fhewing me the with any is not fick; for then fhe ight answer me directly, with-F out

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out giving me any knowledge ind on thereof, and might fay, a week, a will, a forthnight, or more, or leffe, build in the must needs fay, He, or Shetter I (but yet the will fcarce remem. ber that the faid, He or She, anone at I when J shall shew my skill upor minis the water, and determine themint Sexe) hath not been very well a mach good while, and fo offers me her were. Urinall with the water in it, applick it is in the Cafe, but I refuse to this take it, and fay unto her as fol- mint loweth. Good woman, becaufe with Thave made you to flay fo long wine will shew you your friends maldifease by the Urinall-Case, and whether never look upon the water at all; it m give me therefore the Urinall m, Cafe, and do you keep the water inalto your felf, so that I doe not see it at all, and yet I will tell you your friends difease as well as he that should pore and peep, or mig gaze into the water this month : and now the woman thinks that I can furely conjure. I now there-

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lour and confiftence as migh seem to import a violent diseas stille i when the party is not fick at all rerds I wish therefore that any Physic. bon ca an would fet pen to paper t have ca difprove me, or to shew the thoug there is any certain judgemer aught of any difeafe, by the water; an stedh yet forfooth this bafe cuftome call-cal divining by it must be continued derta But how then, will you fay, can frie a Phyfician conclude, that a par miwer ty is thus or thus affected, from the it? Why thus you may doe it Neen V namely, by putting a question TOT W For (as Fernelius saith) Inter oth t rogatiuncula caute pramitend. or this quampridem morbus invasit, arc, a question is to be propounde CED Ve (craftily) to the meffenger (as t th have done to this woman) how cale an long the party hath been fick th Then pronounce a description of ame the difease, and then fall to parl with the meffenger, and tho shalt quickly find what the dil eafe is; for the fame Author faith 1101

or, Piffe-Pot Lectures. 113 ferborum circuitu stultorum mens acille irretitur, by exchange of at rords the fool meffenger is byte oon caught: And thus have I aper u ave caught this woman, whom w the though fhe be an old bird) I semer aught with chaffe ; for I as sked her before I took the Uriomer all-cafe of her (by which I have ndertaken to divine) how long ay, ca er friend had been fick, and the 13 pa nfwerd me, that he (but hath forto ot that the faid he) had not doci een very well a good while, effior rom which answer I shall shew Inter oth the fexe and the difease; or this word (He) sheweth me the ounder een very well a good while, shew anc that it is a Chronical dif-) ho afe and how the party is affectnick d: The latter part of her answer, tion amely, A good while, thew that tis a Chronical disease; and the d the ormer part of the words, namehed y, Hath not been very well, doe main mply that the party lieth not by It, and that therefore he goeth ıd F

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up and down, hath no appetitut fit to meat, is faint in his body aready doth linger and pine as it were wonder is joyleffe and malencholick, and make takes no pleasure in any thin and (as I told her before) and fo ar mans all they that have not been ver that I well a good while: But that he woman never dreams that I ga accord ther all this from her answer, be partie caufe I look upon the Urinall ay - cafe, but rather thinks that the with Urinall infected the cafe, or elfis th that I can conjure : But let he indeto think what the will, fo that I con put ferve that fame which I have go it he in the Piffe-pot Science, I care and to not : Yet this I am fure, that fhe it) th will think never the worfe of my cough for being a conjurer. Imagir I doe with me, that the came but now fiver, in, and that (after my curteous de entertainment of her) I have but and now taken the Urinall-cafe of then her, asked how long her friend proce hath been fick, and received her wh answer, But that I presently pro-Theo nounce the same description of

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openiner friends desease that I have bod already fhewn you; at which fhe werwonders not a litsle, but I shall that make her wonder more anone : this And now I adde, that it is a foar mans water, to which the antwers enverthat it is indeed. I further aske ut ther how old the partie is, and atla according to her answer, as the m, b parties age shall agree with hers, rinal I say that it is her husbands, at at which the marvels more then at ord all the reft, and faith, that it is leth indeed : and now the is ready to los put finger in the eyes and ask me if he be not in a Cousimption, and tells me (for I did not name it) that he hath a very great hat ( of cough : She asks me likewife, if I doe not perceive it; and I anmagi fwer, yes, I doe perceive it; or IT DON clie befool me while you will, inteol. and I will never be angry : And ave b then I tell her that this cough cale proceeds from his ill ftomach fia (which I had named) that fent a redhi rheume unto his head, which diy pro ftilled F4 icol

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filled down from thence upon many his lungs, and caused the fame. bethink now come neerer to the matter maile and tell her that her husband i mat pr inclining (perhaps further en muder tred than ever I shall be able to mesan recover him) into a Confumpti-int w on: But yet I tell her, that I hope wille he may be recovered as yet, and main that I will use the best means that mater may be, to reftore him : I alfoin if ask her why the fo long deferred ink h coming to a Physician, and the impli faith, that her husband had BETC. thought to have worne it out, as we him they all think to doe: I now tell ind tell her, that I fear there will be fome mpti danger, yet I will doe what can tover be done on my behalfe, and that kdo the must now deferre no longer dw time if the love her husbands f,he life : And now, if the be not proith vided of another husband alreaein dy, and fo come more to know how long the thall be troubled ih with him, and to excuse her selfe (if he should chance to dye) then for

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mor any thing to cure him, I must and ethink my felf of fome Aurum natter otabile, some liquor of life of a band reat price, some consumption ouder of twenty or thirty fhilble ungs an ounce, or fome fuch reme eipt which no body hath but hop 1y felfe, then the which non dahand er majus secretum, there is not a " the reater fecret in the world : And all ow if I recover the man he will terret nink his purse to be in a Conind imption, but I cannot cure it hat sere. But if this woman would M, a ave him dye, fhe will goe home "It nd tell him that he is in a Conimm imption indeed, and will scarce at can :cover: So now whereas he went that p& down before, walked abroad , onger nd was ficke but a little in bands R, he feels himselfe iller already pro- rith this meffage, and means to are ye in good earnest, and so benow akes himfelfe to his chamber, abled with a refolution to fave his tell urfe, oat of which he never then omes till he be brought with his for FS

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his heels forward: And thus w of to an I cruelly haunted (at Cante g for bury) by a man, to put him amer. comfort of his wives more foda it a l departure than God had d nany a creed, but the is yet living, an (for ought that I know) matthe live to eat of that Goofe the me) o may graze upon his Grave. ut you dare fay, that woman came no short of that man, yet I did neve perceive that any woman eve brought me her husbands Urin for that purpose ; I will no therefore belye them to mak them worse than they are, fo they are (God amend them k pr bad enough of themselves alrea We I I Acu dy. I have therefore done with Ka this woman (for I suspect, for al her feigned teares, that the came WO to that purpole) and have given ingen her her errand, and fent her a Foto 1111 way, and fh: (by this time) hath ind fa given her husband his errand. and fent him the way of all flefh have (who had he not trufted to his Dale wife,

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uswife, and relied upon the fend-Canteng of his Piffe in stead of fendhiming for my felf or fome other (Indicarned Phyfician) might have ad deen a live man, and have lived ganany a fair year: But you see myhat is become of him, and (I (thope) conceive what danger you nave, ut your lives in that adventure men o take Phyfick preferibed by the dnew ght of the Urine onely : I hope in en ikewife, that you conceive by Unhefe few inflances that I have Iready fet down, how a Phyma ician (if I may fo call him that n, fuleth fuch base fallacies to back them is pretended knowledge ) may ale sive judgement of Ucines both with n Acute and Violent, or Chrofor nicall and lingring difeafes, and an now hand fomly your Piffe-melgive engers are fob'd over : for I her proteft before God, that by these ha tallacies, this deceitfull jugling, and farre worfe fhitts then any Ind I have here fet down, hath this base custome of giving judgeto h ment Wi
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ment of difeases by the fight on) the Urine, been underproppedantan and supported, or elfe it had you long agoe been abrogated, and any fallen to the ground : For there ou any is no knowledge of any difeatened) b to be gathered by the Urine, much d fufficient to guide a Phyfician inarthr prescribing of medicines to cure that is the fame : And yet (forfooth) his ch fuch a base custome hath been husban upholden by most of our best But it Phyficians, that (you bringing much us your Piffe) we may tell you wany (though we doe it meerly by as often fuch fallacies as I have theweding len you, or the like) what is the dif- what cafe, by it, and whether it be a taling mans or a womans water; as alfo that if it be the water of a woman-De bat kinde, whether it be a married poled womans or a Maidens; if a martoyin ried womans, whether the be ther, with child or no; and, if with DOW child, whether fhe fhall bring Ward forth a boy or a girle, and when in je the conceived of it; and (I think her t00

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whether the shall bring oppe orth a man or a monster. I can the ell you one thing more (as well and sany man in the world can tell then ou any of these that I have nalifes ned) by the water, if you be as Urine nuch defirous to know, as you inin tre farre to feek sometimes, and noun hat is this, namely who begot both his child, whether your own ber nusband, or what other man. the But if women did believe as ingin much (which they may as well I you as any of the other) we should ly b as often have half a peece, for behewe ing sent for to the womankind, edil as have half a fhilling fent us for ithe caffing their water. Nay the Maid sall (that I fpake of) may chance to oman be but a crackt veffell, and a fuparried posed Virgin, and hath been toying with fome fellow or ohe h ther, fo farre, that the knew not with how to back his putting forbring ward, but hath (the thinks but when in jeast) raken such carnest for hink her Virginitie, as hath confirmed 100

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the we fay (if it be) that she hath a artof Tympanie (which is is a Dropfie, make as her Parents feared) meaning thed with two legges, which proves Int too true, and makes the meffenger ance to call to minde ( when this i for Tympany hath more plainly difearthe covered it felf) that the Doctour hand asked her if it were a Maids water;& then they furely think that what we could tell by the water; but tany yet we can tell no otherwife, that than as I shewed you before in ools giving judgement of a womans Urine, and how we judge them that to be with child by their water; the which, women themfelves then might do (if they would apply ifed their hearts unto that wildome that most properly concerned 0 in• them) by conferring with difenger creet women, or Midwives, who Ct 112 (if they could not better tell by id is that fecret examination of their ot the bodies which they might make, night and by other observations, wheay, b ther a woman were with child (Den or

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or no, than any Phyfician ca theat doe by the Ulrine )were not woi with thy to exercise that function So they fhould not need to trou ble a phyfician (for that matter) but that they love rather to be mickes tampering with a man than with their own fexe, and fo might fave idin that groat (fent for cafting their lin water to know whether they be tainly with child or no) to buy them a want pound of Sope to make their make the Linnen white: But the woman is then the So addicted to the man, that Mid-Dictou wives (I think ) ere long will be at (fo quite out of request, so that if some 100 0 more of us Phyficians (who are the leafe most proper and handsome handed rine; men among (t us) doe not turn wosinch. men-deliverers, our brothers will pinio be over wrought; Sed nolo boc ulcus neerly tangere : But I will not now rub ahey w my more upon this sore, for I have t by not now time to learch it to the boted rea tome, and therefore I willet it alone Tace untill I may chance to rank it with inft the other monopolized secrets of the 10110 metho-

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anca ethodicall Abusers of the noble utwourofession of physick. And thus Mion ave 1 fhewd the fallacies and otron navery (of all those, whether unter hyficians, or Quacks and Emwhirickes, who pretend knownwithdge of difeases by the same ) hum sed in the giving judgement of ghein Urine: The which I have fo y be lainly shewed, that the most ighem? orant people may perceive how their nely they are flamm'd over, un i then they fend their Piffe to a Mid Doctour to caft, and may colwill het (for it is very true) that there flom is no certain knowledge of any arethe lifease to be gathered from the andes Irine; but yet the nature of men " we s fuch, that (being fetled in an mill pinion, though grounded aless neerly upon errors and falfities) hey will hardly be beaten from have t by found arguments and fobut id reasons, and will rather imabme prace and maintain falschood instead of truth ) than be with the hought fo weak as to have been poffibly ethe

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now is sufficient to shew a Physician y in he disease, sexe, and conception, whind the like, fo that very met mahanicks tell me that they have and ent their waters unto fuch and ho have thereby etene old them their diseases directly: t fer (faith one) have fent my der Nives water by my Maid (who h)h s a cunning wench, and would (is, not be deceived ) to a young ters & Dutch man a Doctour, who (they Ba ay) is the most expert man for ts mais judgement in waters, in all no he Town, and he hath told the all Maid (by the water) how her winn Mistreffe hath been affected in emit very respect, and that she was with child, which proved true. out To which J answer, that if the of Maid had no more wit than her alest Mafter, J could as eafily cozen now her as the Durch-man did; and J ejaa doe further affirm, that the Dutch man is an Affe, the French-man irpoi a Foole, and the English-man a ff In Knave, who pretendeth knowledge

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line ine: and yet when he returnes con is answer, he will therein imthe that he perceiveth it by the gmelrine. For examples fake, I have te be ere framed an Epiftle from this hyfic cademian (but haply not in thich terfe latine as he wrote) undife o his Phyfician, for his judgend (nent of his disease by his Urine: have likewife fet down the Dot ?hyficians Oracle or answer in of m ome of the very fame words which this Gentleman faid that fetted is Doctour wrote unto him: from whence you shall perceive. anar hat there is nothing but fallacics C, 20 n giving judgement of diseases saffe by the Urine onely. caule o

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7 Orthy Mafter Doctour, I have fent you by this bearer, with these my Letters, my water to view, which men call

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muse discoverer of diseases. I debrune to understand by your letachars, what evill it threatens, and in at kind of difease it seemeth to matoken: view it therefore, and migeturn me your opinion of it in milleriting,& what prefent infirmity Infine imminent danger it doth fore-"mand: as for the cure of it, I shall take mmmur advice concerning that unmum fel which shall be most conins, nient for it, when J have certid you (from mine own mouth) norm hat malady most afflicts me, if my Umilline fhould conceale it) what is unfaie cause of it. In the mean time men ave a care of your own welfare, raleas at you may make me well, and is o referve my welfare alfo. And fo re-you-well.

RE Your most loving friend, R.K.

their, J confesse, that this Epist'e y this oth give a physician very little shay ght of the disease; towards the call conouncing judgement of the fame

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the U hat (as the water feemed not to duis mport a violent disease) it did occaution feem to import any difease utions all, fave onely that it was fent words with your letters, to witneffe that Fin ou were not well. Fourthly, I att presume, that the messenger, ottout whom you fent with your Piffe, tw mould tell your Doctour (for I tion o m fure he would demand that) ment hat you walked up and down, gemen ut were not very well:all which if (ircumftances being well confiintanciered and laid together, were ight enough for your phyfician fam o fhew how you were affected. I but moubt not, but that your Docta litt ur knew well how to make use f all fuch advantages, for elfe he to have been as lightly a Vio Reemed of all men, as you would ave effeemed him, if he had not and you (as you think) your s, mifeafe by your water. I will athe ow pen his answer unto your om the steers, and then J will new you tand he falacies of them; wherein you thall the

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fhall peceive, thas the learned Clerks are not the wifeft men The not the craftieft Piffe-prophet to honeft as they fhould be.

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med Englished thus. THe difeerning and finding out ( moft men. learned Sir ) of difeafes by the fight phet of the Urine only, is a matter of great difficulty; yet (as you defire me) I have written unto yon what I discern by your Urine. You are (as I conceive) iroubled with Rheume arifing from your ftomach unto your head, and from thence diffilling again upon the lower min parts: but what part it most oppresseth, or what place it affects, I cannot well m tell; yet I have great fuspition that it much chiefly possesser your ftomach, and that your flomach is naufcous and 174 loaths your meat, in fo much that you igen: neither defire meat, nor can digest it when you have eaten it. Furthermore, your Spleen is ill affected by reafon of the Impuritie of your ftomach; whereupon your heart and head are affaulinter ted with a tetrous vapour, fo that you are melancholick, and cannot take Math your reft, or at least have very troublefome fleeps : your belly and hypochondres are oppressed with wind : you feem alfo to be fome what feverindate ifh. If I have omitted any thing that de I dikern by your Urine, or that your Urine doth not fhew, let me but the know it, and I will supply you with that advise which shall be most conveolifte nicat G 2 Tib

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difeale nient to profligate your difeafe, and th reduce you to your former health I defire and fludy your well-fare, fo The most earnest wishes tare-well. that y of your health.H.C. difficul

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This Epistle (Master Doctour) out di hath pleased your Patient, and Unine you thereby have purchased a words great deal of honour : your La- done, tine he understands well enough. have a but the implied fense and mean- know ing thereof he is not aware of menh because he is not acquainted Herein with the mysterie of giving which judgement of a Piffe-pot : I will forme therefore be fo bold as to com- nor yo mert upon your Epiffle, the bet-your ter to help his understanding, wera and then I leave him to his own but h Genius to retain or reject his old thim opinion concerning judgement it unt of diseases by the fight of the putur Urine. athift

And now (Master Doctour and to for your Epistle) you begin it from thus, first you write, That the your difcerning and finding out of he -dif-

or, Piffe-pot Le Eures. 130 d difeases by the fight of the Urine teith onely, is a very difficult matter. It is very true, Mafter Doctour, nifter that you have faid; it is a very difficult matter (indeed) to find tour) out diseases by the fight of the and Urine onely, but these your led a words implie that it may be Ila done, and that you your felfe ough, have arived at the Haven of this near knowledge, and that most other men have come farre short of it. intel Herein, Master Doctour, that iving which you implie is meerly falfe will for neither Hippocrates, nor Galen nor your felfe (who think not COR your felf inferior unto them )did e betever attain unto this knowledge: ding own but however, you will not be alk alkamed to affume and arogate it unto your selfe (because it is ment put upon you, and you can make of the a shift to delude such Novices, ) them and to derogate what you can from other men : and this is veaic it ry common to you with most oat the ther men of our Profession. If at d Ga dife YOU

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you had written thus to your Pa-Seco tient (Sir, it is impossible to give averat true judgement of difeases by the terre, fight of the Urine onely, which is not di but one of the many fignes, which thich together with the knowledge of have w divers other Symptowes (which action the Urine sheweth not) do deter- non write mine the difease you had faid but ou per truth, & fhewed your felf to have hat (i been an honeft man. But hang ho- nan ) nefty, what care you for it, folde de that you carry the matter fo fair nour p that you be not caught in your toe, an knavery? You think, that if you 100, if had written fo to your Patient, he diferee would have suspected your skill, Thi and therefore you will rather Write, Imother the truth to maintain this toncei your pretended skil (though you Rhenn be confeious to your felf that unto t you are a knave for your labour) diftill than you will have your skill Bits: questioned, though you have preffe spoken truth, and therein plaid th, 1 the part of an honeft man : for there then you think you fhould likethefe wife lofe your Patient. Se-

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"Pa- Secondly, you fay, That you ogive have, according to your Patients yudefire, written unto him what ichis you discern by his Urine. To which I answer, that if the UIrine geoffhew you any thing, which I which question much in fuch a cafe, deter- you write a great deal more than idbut you perceive in the water, and have that (if you will be an honeft gio man ) you must often frustrate , lo the defire and expectation of our patients, which you may your doe, and yet give them content. you too, if you carry the matter nt,he difcreetly.

sill, Thirdly, Master Doctour, you where write, That your Patient (as your this conceive ) is troubled with you Rheum arifing from the ftomach that unto the head, and from thence our) distilling again upon the lower sill parts; but what part it most ophave preffeth, or what place it affecthaid eth, which is most true (but yet for there will be no notice taken of ike thefe words) you know not. L Se-

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The PiffeProphet, . I answer unto this, that yourentup doe not (from the water) gather you pro this, but from his complexion of the l and conffitution of body, which to be t you know and are acquaintec withy withall: for neither doth any U haryon rine fo certainly betoken either at if Phlegm, Rheum, Choler on faid, yo Melancholy, but that (by reafor Four of the divers variations that it is write, fubject unto) it may (falfly) pre- fulpitio tend any of these humours to be might predominant, and fo be farre afpin diftant from the conjectural and wery probable Canons of the Piffe-poil and the fcience : But admit, Mafter Doct- hvora our, that this Urine had been this brought you from a Stranger, poffeff whole conftitution you had not is f known, Iprefume that you would come have enquired very narrowly and di what constitution of body the and t ficke party had been of, whether YOU D a lean spare, a groff: and fat man, felled or of a middle temperature and TOU D habit of body, as also how long toma he had been ficke, and whether he mar. went

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which to be true that you fpcak or which to be true that you fpcak or ainted write, you can make him believe any U- that you perceive it by the Urine; either but if it be false that you have ar or faid, you can make it good.

Fourthly, Mafter Doctour, you titis write, That you have a great fuspition (which is a word that on might call your judgement into funt fuspition, but that your Patient and is very confident of your skill, and therefore he will give it a Doth favorable construction ) that hts Rheum did chiefely posseffe his stomach, and that dna his ftomach was now berould come nauseous, and loathed mears now and did not digest it being eaten: y in and your Patient believes that netha you perceive his ftomach is poffeffed with this humour, and that man, you perceive also by it that his re and long stomach is nauseous, defires uot meat, nor digest it being eaten, acr bi Went G 5 but The piffe-Prophet,

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but here, Master Doctour, you are line, 200 cunning for him; he writes fit. Se unto you for your judgement of a ist his Urine, and you are afraid, makesu that if you doe not fatisfie his when defire, he will feek advice fome- Third where elfe : you therefore think dexion that you were as good deceive Phlegn him as another man. You read his inde Letters, and they only defire your rell, a judgement of his Urine, but doe maid not thew you any thing how he good ! is affected : you look upon his herefo water, and that importeth no difofhis eafe at all : you tell the meffen- helton ger looking upon the water (as in t if you there perceived it) that he Rheun goes up and down, and the meftons t fenger answers that he doth. You hithe likewife know this conflicueff. tion to be spare and thin, and what humour is predominant in tink the complexion and temperature of the same. You take all these into confideration: And first collect that he is not very well, because he hach sent unto you his Urine,

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uar Urine, and defires your advice With of it. Secondly you conceive that mothe is not very ill, becaufe he walks up and down, & his Urine the doth not import any difeafe at all ome Thirdly, you know this comthink plexion to be (for fo I suppose it) teeive Phlegmatick. And now you conadhis clude (he neither being fick nor your well, and his complexion Phlegutdos maticke) that he cannot have a whe good fromach to his meat, and on his therefore you determin the caufe odif of his ficknesse to be Phlegme in elfen the ftomach : fo you write unto a (a him that he is troubled with hathe Rheum in the stomach, rising met from thence, and diffilling down Non thither again caufed naufeoufhim neff-, and want of appetite and and digestion, and your Patient min thinks you perceive all these ature things by his Urine, never dreathe ming that you collect from the of forenamed circumstances (namebe ly his complexion, his going up his and down, and his Urine not 1010-[rinty

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importing any difeafe) that h is head was troubled with Rheum in th inled ftomach, not once imagining rocced that you adde the naufeoufneff makesh of his ftomach, want of appetit out the and digeftion, as confequent eff is flee fects of this precedent caufe actild (Phlegm in the ftomach) built this thinkes that you perceive them are neo all feverally in the water: where- multias indeed, you perceive none of confine them at all.

Fifthly, Master doctour, you hatthe adde, That your Patients Spleen liftenp is ill affected by reason of the link impuritie of his stomach: and he watle thinks likewife that you perceive but this this in his water: if his Spleen ling to be not ill affected at all, yet he lah fe will think it to be, because you while fay fo: and if it be ill affected, it t ther is not to be difcerned in the Ute fa rine, but is (you well know) Carad, cochymia soboles, the off-spring of middl impuritie, which followeth (very Direr often) cruditie of stomach. OWCT

Sixthly, you further adde, t hat the

or, Piffe-pot LecInres. 144 at hhis head and vitall parts are afindefaulted with a noxious vapour ining proceeding from his fpleen, wch mellimakes him fad, and that he canpetie not take his reft, or at least that and his fleeps are very troublesome; cauge heftil thinks that his water fhews but all this, not knowing that these them are necessary consequences of a here crude stomach, and a rheumatick of confficution : he never confiders, Master doctour, ( as you doe ) you that those that are on the fodain den diffempered (though they be but the a little ill) do not take their reft, ndhe or at least have troublesom sleep: tein but thinks that the Urine (accorplea ding to the feverall parts of it) the doth feverally shew the diseases you of the severall parts of the body; id, it he therefore thinks that the Cirall cle shews the discases of the Ca head, the Centre of the trunk or ngof middle part of the body; and the very lower part the difeases of the lower parts of the body : and fo that by confequence the difease of it the Toe is to be found in the very

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Seventhly, You adde that he found is troubled with wind in the bel-that y ly and Hypochondres; which is likeor, Piffe-pot Lectures. 146 the kewife incident to Phlegmathe kewife incident to be perceived in the transformer to be perceived in

other Eighthly, You add, that he feemmilter th to be fome-what feverifh: you Effor not perceive this in the wahiender neither, yet you know, that highofoever is not well doth (vel judg ebre laborare, vel febricitare) laedup our eicher of a Fever, or is fever. other th; and therefore you have added ceiva his to help at a pinch, for you had now not certainly but, that his ered, everifhneffe may be greater than hhe ou fufpect: his heat may be fuch, lone s that he may expect that you dath peak fomething of his Liver, for athatie thinks it is over-hot; but you an tell him, that he cannot have and Fever, but that his Liver must gaint se inflamed. In fine (Mafter Doctcom our) whether he have a Fever or this to Fever, you have hit the nail on the head, and he believes that at he you have written nothing but ebel. what you perceive in the water; but ichi

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#### The Pifs-Prophet, 67, 147 but if it please him to read an e position upon your Letters, 1 onta shall perceive your cunning to l (vix fraus honesta) scarce hone cozening. You determined house difease (as he told me)to be Fl. (but no tus Hypochondriacus, when yo with faw him, that is, wind in the Elcul parts called the Hypochondre this but it was (as he confessed to me the h Flautus Hypochondrunckicus, clhave (as I think I may fitly call it) them a drunken hiquet, ex crapula con of the tractus, taken by a drunken fur therein fet. It skills not what his diseal judgen was, nor how he took it; I do makin not mean to fcandall him for it flum fince he is recovered of it; I ra ther bestow this Recipe upon hin by the way of prevention (Noli ti peccare amplius, ne Pejus tibi con k.M. ting at ) that he fall not into the lorwe like infirmity : and with with al toule, my heart, ut valeat & resipiscat intry that he may enjoy his health with mat, that greater happineffe of tha wild ome whereby he may rectum kyth di-

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vomit it up again : fhe hath no it do twice miffed, which the order with enjoyed before, the naturall ben the nor fit of her monethly evacuatio pur ha ever fince which time, that for like had them laft, the hath been th mile ill; and for the fame caufe that f who die hath miffed them, the fulpedu go that the may be with child, dnoth else is thus ill for want of them at lo I have here fent you her Urincould b and defire you to vouchsafe timeau look upon it, and to refolve ug min whether she be with child, culcou what other infirmity the doth la mean bour of, that we may (if the bill how not with child ) prevent a world no danger in time. I pray returillion your answer in writing; and figotte with your bel wishes for you anti own well-fare, that others ma pake fare the better for you, I bid you aften fare-well, and reft,

Your well-withing friend, J.Ha,&ca

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monife do kindly falute you both; orden our wife (you write) is neither ben eke nor well, you may then thift uation our hands of her, if you doe ha fot like her, and tel her, that you inthromised only to keep her in that ficknoffe and in health: but howlufedver (good Sir) I am forte, as the d, a not fick that fhe is not wel, but then or fo much as otherwayes I Une would be, becaufe your kindnefs lafen ath caused this neutrality of bedre ung neither fick nor well. Her ild, trauseoufnes of ftomach, loathing othlef meat, and vomiting after it, he bill fhortly cease, and the difease. work wch now troubles her ftomach ) returnill some feven moneths hence ind le gotten into her armes. In the your sean time it were not amiffe for take fomething to corroborate id ou er ftomach, which the may very Ifely doe. I have viewd her wa-JEr,&can fay no more than I have one, unleffe to speak more plain. the sl fay with an ixe is passi, the is with d you

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The Piffe-Prophet, with child, and that almost ottour, quarter gone, God send her hie him happy deliverance, when the tight wi shall come, and ( till then, a her dar ever) health, and fo prayes, with Tuur a fured loving friend, H. 18 & ca This good divine as (moft , name them are) is one who is poffe flas flom with this opinion, that the Urin with doth fhew the difease, Sexe, and hath conception, and the like: yet ha ident ly hath heard that Urina eft ment be a trix, the Water is a lying Harlowy doe but yet he thinks that a Phyfic 10, and an (if he be his crafts-mafter) contion tell whether a womnn be willfredt child or no, becaufe he hearen ides, women clatter fuch things, whomh have been thus deluded. He never stwo stands to examine the truth wedo fuch predictions by the Urin fith but supposeth that men are cherfin fhould be honeft in their calling the This I am fure of that he is a lonceiv ving man to his wife, for which (t I think him to be the honefter and man. He hath fent her Urine to a th Da

or, Piffe-pot Lectures. 152 moth octour, and defireth him to reher live him from thence whether the time be with child or no, or what m, ather danger may be imminent. is le writteth likewife very punctu-M.H.Illy & carefully, how the is affectnot d, namely, that the hath a naufeoffenus ftomach, loaths meat, longs af-Ellier trifles, & is apt to vomit after Is ane hath eaten; now all thefe are and vident fignes of Conception, if tmene be a childing-woman, and Harlohey doe agree with other fignes Phylic 160, and if the finde any fuch alter) ceration in her body, as that the winaspect the fame: he likewise heart ddes, that the hath not had her is winonthly benefit of nature, now tenerchis two moneths, which the enmb oyed orderly before, & this wit-Unit effeth very strongly to the for. at oner fignes that the is with child, aling nd fhews how long it is fince fhe isale onceived of it: but the good which an (though he have read this onch a Aristotle and Albertus) doth incorot think that this is all the Do ground

The Pife-Prophet, 01,1 ground we have to conclude find the woman to be whchild, but thir whore that Hippocrates and Galen, a mohi the common practice of viewi slelet of waters, have taught us other upon wayes to diffinguish the Sexe, IVINCS. alfo whether a woman be willyou to child or no, by her water: bewech (good man) he is deceived, an woma which is worft of all, he hapw det partly deceived himfef, for hild, an hath written that unto his Dione: w ctour (though he doe not knowy pro it) that shews his wife to be withman child, and yet he defireth to lated j refolved from the water; and mare t his Doctour hath done : he has knam read his Letters, and therein find woma enough to his purpose, & a greater deal more than the Ultime they with eth, from whence he may bold mini pronounce her to be with child with though he never look upon thinky water at all: yet (having read than to Letters he taketh the Urine, an aryan before y meffenger that brough min it) falls to peering into it, tofeer lonian

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or, Pisse-pot Lectures. 154 kind p find that there, for which he this ath brought it: & fo he betakes m, a im to his pen & ink, to answer viewin refe Letters, and (having defcanothe ed upon the former part of the Sen, Divines Letters, in fuch manner bewins you fee in his answer, which a: biewed him that the good Gendanlewoman was with child) he heher ow determines her to be with for hild, and that almost a quarter Done: which proving true, as it is the ery probable that it will, makes with hem the more admire this unfufwhethed jugling : for they are not and ware that the fodain cealing of he he naturall monethly benefit of inim woman, together with naufeagen nifneffe of ftomach, longing afhar er trifles, want of appetite, and bold omitting after meat, are the dil nost infallible fignes of concepion by which we judge a woand nan to be with child, as indeed the mey are; neither do they observe, month hat it is the most apt time for a tofer woman to conceive immediately after
The Piffe-Prophet, 155 after that the hath enjoyed the hereD naturall benefit, as their Docornu our doth: nor they doe not corpution ceive that the Doctour dete oucon mines her to be a quarter gonaine ki with child, from the time that the enjoyed her naturall bener feel laft, which (as her husband wr tarties teth) was now more than twice months agoe, which is almost thereb quarter, for two months is almo make zen weeks, & ten weeks is a quarte hathe of the time that a woman goet will with child from her conception mely according to the common com moran putation of a womansgoing forty kan weeks with child: but they, good of C man and good-woman, think (a feed almost all the world befide the mein felves doth ) that the Dr. perceive wied by fome figns in the urines the conduct ception, as also how farre a wolff-m man is gone with child : and the her P Dr. is very well conteted that they withat should think fo : but what foever aretiv they think, you fee what they are udw (but fools) for their labour, and the thei

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or, Piffe-pot Lectures. 157 dhatheir Dr. but a jugler at the beft, Doi for nurfing them up in that falle at conopinion. And now I hope that dtte you conceive that there is no cerr gontaine knowledge of any discase methin the world by the Urine, much benefile fle of the Sexe, Conception, wiparties age, and the like: you perm weceive likewife the fallacies molewhereby the water-Prophet almol make the meffenger to think mum that he perceives all the things in gott he Ulrine; you fee alfo, that not pion onely the rude multitude, and com gnorant vulgar people, but magionny learnedClerks have been made good both Greek fools and Hebrew ik (a Affes, by this jugling, and thefe dente leceitfull fallacies which I have ceive hewed : yet these are not all the the rickes, and fallacies that all the and iffe-mongers have to deceive nd their Patients, or piffe-meffengers athe rithall: but by these you may form erceive how you may be a thouwas and wayes more deceived; for , a y a little may be perceived what the more

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more is meant, and according rould to the old proverb, Verbum Sapiore enti sufficit, to the wife few words auch fuffice. Let this therefore fuffice ing th that hath been spoaken, to shew ge ule you how you are cozened, when lifeafe you bring or fend your water to nely, a Doctour to caft: & from hence ome te learn to effect an honeft plain dealing Phyfician, according to hereb his worth, who tells you that the miled water doth not fhew the difeafe, ained as you suppose, and the common maintainta Piffe-pot-cafters doe make you W believe. his' co

CHAP. XI

Wherein is shewed how judgement of difeases by the sight of the Urine, hath thath been upheld by confederacie, and other de son such like cezening tricks.

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when difeafes by the fight of the Urine tr to onely, ) I will briefly subjoyn plan ie, and other cunning tricks, " whereby impostours have beathe guiled the common people, and fale, gained themselves credit in mon maintaining the cozening Trade <sup>1</sup> <sup>you</sup> of Water-prophefying. Now What con-his confederacie is a plot or is With nutuall compact made betwixt whom conhe Piffepropyet and fome fer-federacie ant (whether man or maid) or is, comie hath deputed to that office, or made inter lie some Nurse, Mid-wife, Aothecary, or fuch like, who firle et upon the meffengers being ome to the Doctours houfe, telhad ing them that the Doctor is not ugh et at leafure, and fo fall to parfor :y with the meffeugers, getting NOTICE STOR H 2 out

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out of them all things neceffary the to the judgement of the difeating (as namely whole water it was tent of when the party was taken fick union of and what other grievances the receive party laboured of) and there deter went, or rather fent fome other o man that flood by (who feemed tons are take no notice of that which the mor meffenger faid to the inquifitor then h to fee if the Doctour were her a at leafure to speak with them, for meffenger, who is in very great to con hast to be gone: Now this by am that Stander tels the Doctour) whof tis aff busines was not fo great, but that ng fic he might have come & difpatchch or ed the meffengerat first, if his ski tans to in Urine had been as good as hice; he pretendeth, and is prefumed TOV upon, by fuch as he thus gulwhat leth )all that the meffenger had related, who now comes forth and takes the Urine, and tells the meffenger that the partie is thus and thus affected, as his confederate had told him, which makes the

or, Piffe-pot Lectures. 161 illeafe e is a cunning man in the judg- That mannent of Urines. And thus the Parfons the eccive his Patients, and fo gai this cozen then ed the name of a cunning man ; age by other so many fuch Parfons and Per- confedeed toons are suffered to abuse the racie. dittermmon people in our dayes. inor there have their Apothecary or were ther attendors upon fick perh thens, for their intelligencers, great ho come before-hand, and tell is by sem that fuch a one is thus and bole hus affected, and hath been thus nthat ong fick (and hath haply taken nuch ich or fuch means already ) who is si leans to fend his Urine for his od a lvice; I hope now the Doctour uned provided to tell whofe water it what is the difease, how long that ie party hath been fick, nay forth ad what Phyfick the party hath kon ken; as ufeth jugling Dunce in sthe fex (who hath gained by these nitde nd the like knavish plots of conmake derasie more credit then is due H 3 to

The Piffe-Prophet, 162 to fuch an illiterate Affe as he i Phylici who prefumeth to determine the his conception to a day, the fexe inone by the wombe, the place where thad for party lives, and what Phyfick thereof Another party hath already taken, with of fuch Dunce in many other fuch knavish absurde by Elex famous for cozenages, as I have not time, an ofen this im-(hould (if time did petmit) terthen posture. ashamed to relate. A learned Dolantage That by cour, a much honoured frien or mo this coof mine, told me that a Noble onei gening he determinman (a patient of his) told hin ian) eththe that he would undertake the mid conception, fexe in the this Jugler would tell by the Und Ph rine what Phyfick the partie ha hereo mombe, taken : And a Doctour of th and tells trem mhat Civill Law told me, that he wer then Phylicke as a stranger to him ( as 1 efide the partie thought ) and carried him his L hat P hath tarine, who fo foon as he faw i Teat ken. told him that he had a pain ave n That be the right kidney, the which ( where determithe Civilian told me) was trullian meth a but yet that the Phyfician pe artic man to bave a ceived it in his Urine, was ie fi Pain in his lye; I dare fay, that all learns this right kid-Ph



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siketo confederacie ) by which we come to knew whofe water H 35, and the like, and the mel-Jenger believe the water bews us.

Another rine brought out of the Countri ut ho trick (not but that ( fo foon as they have will ap much un- dipatched the meffenger) they will, ask if any body else be fick in menta their Parish or neer about them hall and fo are often told that fuct killany or fuch have been thus long fick thou and after what manner, and tha thet un they do mean to fend to then there very thortly; to that now the baten need to doe no more but ask th ufallas may make meffenger where he dwellethout to but that he knowes the difeafrozener without looking upon the Usine med to and can fay (that this is fich of the ones Elrine) as doth the forena med Jugler, and the partie is thu hath or thus affected, although the U rine doe not fhew it. By this confederacie hath much people beer erami much deceived, and many igno bim th rant Rafcals have got much credit, who have much accommodated themfelves to the humour-the U ing of vulgar people, and fuch as have not been able to differn the lone, fucus or cloak of their cozenage

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introduct I hope that henceforward it have will appear more plainly unto her will appear more plainly unto her them, by this little which hath it been faid to that purpose, so that them, I shall not need to enlarge my shall fall not need to enlarge my shall fould fivell this small Pamdet of the unto a large volume. Read the phlet unto a large volume. Read then it therefore, and make use of it to why that end it was penn'd, viz. (non addet ut fallas, sed ut fallentem svites) why that to cozen but to avoid the distance to cozen but to avoid the distance to flew you the lawfull use the of the Usine.

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is that there is no judgement of difeafes to be given by the Urine alone; that the Phyfician ought not to give judgement of the Urine, before he have strictly eben examined how the partie is affested : how this bafe custome came up.

And The Voluwill now ask me: What Object. Anger. The Urine at all? I anfwer no: the Urine at all? I anfwer no: there is uouse of viewing it athere is uouse of viewing it athere, without the confideration of other fignes, symptomes and indica-

The piffe-Frephet. 166 indications of difease, which as hybrid not therein perceived : neithe or thay can a Physician prescribe Phy inthe fick (by the fight of the Urine upon fu with leffe danger, than if (it be will fur ing granted that purging wouldone is n cure, and blood-letting wouldharge kill his Patient) he should not ind the withstanding cast croffe and pilkbeno which of these he should ap water point. You will further objectistrue, that you suppose that a Physici wrew an will not prescribe before hinthe have examined all circumstance le him needfull for him to know. I an Ind fo fwer, that no meffenger can tel htyb us that in all difeafes; though counfe (oftentimes) in many cafes they find, a can. Nay oftentimes they can write not certifie us any thing how the gethe partie is affected; but (with th of what very hazard of their lives) expect frenget that we should tell them what when the they ayle by the fight of the Und w rine alone, and prefcribe then tomes Phyfick accordingly. But let fuct of as w meffengers learn to give their loc Phyfi-

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or Piffe-pot Lectures. 167 tha Phylicians better inftructions, inter or stay at home, unleffe the Pa-Phyticat be contented to put his life upon fuch a desperat chance. You ube will further object, that every Another . would one is not able to undergoe the oblest. would charge of fending for a Phylician, not and then what shall they doe, if nd pildit be not convenient to fend their ap water? To this I answer, that it Answer. bid is true, that every one is not able whit to reward a Physician (especially in the countrie) for comming to fance fee him, let therefore fuch an one an lend for his Minister (who is of an te duty bound to doe it) to ask his hour counfell unco what Phyfician to sthe fend, and intreat him likewife or a to write how he is affected, what owthe age the partie is of, of what fex, in the of what conflitution of body, the and Arength of it at this prefent time, when the partie was taken ficks. and what other unufuall fympthe tomes the party now laboureth. effet of: as whether he have a vomiting the or loofneffe, or be extreamly bound . Physe sini

The Biffe-Prophet, 168 bound in his body, and how long Citte, it is fince he was at ftool; as like hole orelic wife whether he have a cough, o sifed, ftitch, or can take reft or no, o bleed, or fweat, or be grievoufly DIME pained in the body, and where where the pain lieth, and whatfoever thatet paffion he fuffereth : And ther have (on Gods Name) let them al upon fend their Ulrine to a Phylician. minet And let: the Physician (before te ca that ever he vouch fafe to look Dutch upon the water) frictly examine man) all those or the like circumstan-1: No ces that I have named: Then let and we him take the Water and look himle upon it, and pronounce the dif- hew cafe : But if he take the water, in m and begin to pronounce a de- than feription of a difease by the fighting of the Urine alone, before he hould have examined those circumichće. fances; he makes but a fool of ourt thee, and is (for his labour) but well( at impostour and a knave him- kny felf. I had no thought that this 2000 imposture had crept into this made Citic

or, Piffe-pot Lectures. 169 Citie, or been connived at by the those that have power to supmorpreffe it : But here it is fo exero, or cifed, that some refuse to be inouly formed of those circumstances where (to the end that they may purlove chase the more fame) till they then have shewd their jugling skill all upon the Urine. A friend of itim mine told me (very lately) that the carried his Ulrine unto a olook Dutch Doctour ( naming the mine man) to have his judgement of fan it: Now this man was fo faint and weak that he was fain to reft look himself three or four times by the way, & had his difease writrater, ten more manifestly in his face than in his water; and now bethe ing arrived at the Doctours the houf and admitted unto his pretun. fence, he begins to tell the Doctof our that he hath not been very but well (which the Doctor perceivs him very well by his countenance) a this good while, and that he had the made hard thift to come unto hims Citic actin

The Piffe-Prophet, hins; and was ready, prefenting ion ho him his Ulrine withall, to de int) clare unto him further how h ind th had been affected; but this But nowl ter-Box interrupted him, faying me, I pray forbear to tell me any mis ju thing, yet I will tell your dif anothe eafe by your water: Was thind th (think you) an hard matter to that doe, to tell the Gentlemar pront (whose sicknesses was written ir ment his fore-head, who had told the may 8 Doctour that he had not been lent to very well a good while, and their whole complexion and conftituthat th tion of body fhewed the Doctour been what difeafes he was most fub- this, ject unto) what was his discase? He might have done that withlince out the Urine, though his pati- time ent had faid no more unto him: Wer. Yet to thew this Uromanticke COMIN skill, to the end that his fame Ellone. may be the more spread for the lician fame, he takes the urine (though Pain he discern no disease by the when fame) and pronounceth his opito Pi nion

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or, Piffe-pot Lectures. 171 min nion from it. I hope you will (in time) perceive you own errours, whand their jugling who pretend But knowledge of difeafes by the UIiving rine; and fo I have done with this jugling. I fould now answer dif. another objection, and queftion; this and they are thefe, That it may object. tr to be that I plead for the Phyficians man profit, to overthrow the judgemin ment of Urines, that our fees the may grow the greater for being then fent for : To this I answer, Let Anfor. and their monies perifh with them that think fo, rather then I would tour be enriched by it. The question is 2. this, How this cuftome of giving fall judgement of difeases by it with (fince it shews no disease certainely) came up : To this I an- Aufw. pati fwer, That covetousnesse in the him common people, to fave their ticke me money (because they faw Phyorthe ficians to view the water at the Patients own house) caused them long to fend their waters likewife unthe to Phylicians: And Pride in the s opi-Phy-

The Pis-Prophet, Phyficians to fhew more skin He than ever they had learned out in of their master Hippocrates, mad nethel this to become a cuftome, whic hills is become a very ftrong plea. Idee of could thew how this cuftom ho (t

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might be as foon abrogated; bu malifie fince I have no power to put i otwit into execution, I leave it to then north (whofe power is fufficient tonime suppresse it) if their care were her by correspondent. I will now they be per you your errours in the choil ind fo and change of your Phyfician hoh and give you some few direct the ions for the choife of the molt hend convenient Phylician, for-mol en hi men in their feverall places and egiv callings, and according to their hi severall abilities.

#### CHAP. XIII.

Errors committed in the choise of change of a Phylician : Directions how to avoid these errors : Some Rascalls nominated, who are usurpers upon, dy abusers of the noble profession of Physick, and she honourable Profess thereof.

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the errors that you commit in the choise of a Physician, madure these: Either you choose an which nfufficient man, for his knowedge of Phylick; or elfe one, tom who (though he be fufficiently (buqualified for his knowledge) is put inot with ftanding no fit Phyficiother in for thee. For the first, you are at tan time of your ficknesse led eiewere her by your own fancie, or by when he perfwation of fome friend, to choile lend for, or fend unto fuch a man, ician, who hath (they tell you) cured ind fuch a one of fuch a disease, mon when all other Doctours had gimon ven him over: or else because and he giveth out fome great matters their of himfelf, and difableth all other honeft learned Phyficians, as - doth Trigge, alias, Markham, who predicates of himfelf to igmas norant people, that he was Batchelor of Arts in Clare Hall, and Pupill & kinfman unto Doctour Butler in Gambridge, a Master of Arts of Saint Johns in Cambridges

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The Piffe-Prophet. 174 01. a Master of an Hospitall, and of Stagger of the Fellows of the College great the Phylicians in London, and a ons. thefe lyes: for he never was o Dixin therwaies then a Shooe-mak drench bred and brought up, fave onel the los that he became a Laft-maker; an a he is no other but an Affe (thoug and b he pretendeth great learning atarts mongft filly people) who under Kniw fandeth not one word of Latine Conj This Trigge lives in a place calling led Captain Royden his lodging carrie over against the Custome-house molt Such another is Butler of Puddlinte Wharfe, a Glover, Fel-monger dence or Sheepskin-dreffer, who thould hone therefore be the better acquain And ted with the vertue of Esipus ver, because it belongs to his Trade of to but yet I dare fay he knows no derin what it is. Such another is little dence Doctour George another Shoo parti maker living about Westminster Rale And one Fashions an Horn-mer- uled chant, who furnisheth apothecafaid ries with Harts-hornes, and fed Stagges

or, Piffe-Pot Lectures. 175 ndon Stagges-pilles, and professeth geogreat skill in turing Confumptianda ons. To whom may be added wase Donnington in Moor-fields, who make drencheth Affes (I doe not mean conel the long ear'd ones) as familiarly erand as he was wont to drench, Horfes houg and burn Children behind the ing a cares for the Rickets. Unto fuch nder Knaves, or elfe to Witches and atine Conjurers (whom you term cunacal ning-men and women) you are ging carried (though they are the hould most vile and base ignorant Affes udde in the world) with more confihould honeft Physician that can be. main And then if you chance to recofrade of to fuch Rascalls, never confidering that it was Gods provilitte dence, not (as yet) to take this Shoo- partie unto himfelf, and that this Rafcall Quack (for medicines mer used by an ignorant Quack, are faid to be poylons; but being uh:cafed by a skillfull Phyfician, they 1000 arc

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I his s are faid to be Gods own helping bleto hand) did not kill this partie NUISS. for it was (as they fay) but har hazzard; but if it happen that one ONCEIT makin of these Rascals kill his Patient (for fo it falleth out too often) alled and fome of your neighbours on friends queftion with yon, Why liently you made use of fuch a Rogue nowle you are then as ready ( to excufe hat no your foolery and wickedneffe) top the excuse him too, and to fay that out the best Doctours cannot fave a bie m mans life when his time is come : L Or C and you think this is a fufficient my it plea to excule your felves for not using the best means : You will ttend not afford an honeft man the like ploy favour, who hath used the best war means that Art could lead him I mea unto, if his patient should hat de chance to die, and fatisfie your upre felves (as you ought to doe) in an yo this cafe, that it was Gods Pro-Boltd vidence, but profecute him with It to all the fcandalls, and flanders "tho that you can, queftioning withtd ab all What t

or, Pisse-pot Lectures. 177 bing Il his skill, the which you are no more artic ble to judge of than a blind man of cothe ours So much thall fuffice to have fpoken tone concerning the errours you commit in atim naking choice of fuch a one for your hyfician, who hath not been lawfully is of alled thereunto, nor is fuffi- Who are not Why iently qualified with that to be chofen, mus mowledge, and those Arts although they mile hat necessarily conduce un- be able. the making of a good Phyfician. Now that you erre likewife in making choice of an ite a ible man, when you make choice of the me: K. or Q. Phyfician, who for their fufficiim ncy, it is not to be doubted but that they not tre skilful men ; but yet in respect of their will uttendance at the Court, and their much elike mployment by perfons of great quality, het hey are not the best Physicians for perfons him of mean condition ; for they cannot give build hat due attendance unto fuch a patient as your is prefent necessity might require: Neither in an you obtain his presence when it is Pro. nost defired : And then you are constraiwith red to call another, who (in respect that den ie knoweth not what hath formerly paled about the fick party ) knoweth not rithwhat to prefcribe without errour on his own

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own part, and danger to the fick party tr mai You erre likewise, when (being destin hich h of acquaintance with fome able and cor in:an venient Phyfician for you ) you mai utens choice of a Phylician by the garb and hab donag wherewith he is accoutred; that is to fay accur his Beaver Hat, his Plush-fute, with h min cloak of, or at least, lined through wit went the fame; his filk flockings, with all other dan fuch suitable ornaments to deck his per ad th fon : thinking, that there dwells Art a thorn lone, knowledge, and the Muses, becaul tites he is mounted upon the wings of Fame and o which is no leffe mendacious and deceipt s who full than an Harlot, or the Piffe-pot; th relow one whereof feigneth diseases, the othe thin modesty. You erre likewise, when (havin ", w haply made choife of an able and converting hient Physician) you cast him off, becauf statte you doe not prefantly obtain the sodain find effect of the defired successe. Bu litht now to avoid the errours of mak be chofen. ing choile of an infufficient, or inconvening ent Phyfician; Leave Trigge, and little Do other Stour George to their Aule, and (Ne Sutanthin ultra crepidam) let the Shoo-maker no this presume to goe beyond his Last; Et Artem Ineig quam quisque norit exerceat : Let every of anger the

or, Pisse-pot Lectures. 179 pany er man exercise that Art and faculty min nich he understands, and hath been bred door in : and let mean people, let Kings and ma neens Phyficians alone, for those great the rionages whom they are to give attentofan nce upon, and liften unto me a little, in in hirecting thee in the choife of an able conwin nient Phyfician in the time of a violent. otherd dangerous ficknesse. Take therefore, is per nd that in time) fuch a Phyfician as is An a thorized and allowed, either by the Unieculs rfities or by the learned college of Phy-Fame ians of London; In the choice of fuch a cente, who is so allowed and approved of, the ve fome respect unto his dwelling, and other her imployments; and confider with thy win fe, whether by remoteneffe of place, or conventitude of imployments, he can give cans at attendance, that thy need may require. daine ir in difeafes of danger, it were very con-E.B. nient that the Phyfician did fee his Pamaint, (if it were possible) three times in a waie y: fo he fhould often observe something Do other in the fick partie, that might difurrt him from his intended purpose, and rect him a fafer way. Wherefore an ho-Arten It neighbour is more convenient then a anger remote, especially for the meaner fort ther

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fort of people, and those who are fo pool chat their purfes will not reach to the gra cifying of a Phyfician for comming to f chem with a fee : and let no man thake o his Phyfician whom he hath first entertai ned; but let him (if he please) take and ther Phyfician or more into confultatio with his first elected Physician, retainin him still. Let this (in briefe) fuffice to di rect in the choife of a Phyfician, for I ha no purpose to touch upon this subject, bu onely to fhew the fallacies and jugling that is used in giving judgement of difea fes by the Urines, with the dangers that infue the prefcribing of Phylick by th fight of the fame alone. If I have not there fore fatisfied thee in this latter, read Do Aour Cotta his book, called, A short di coverie of the unobserved dangers of severa forts of ignorant and inconfider ate practiti oners of Physick in England, wherein he hat (at the latter end) very learnedly fet down a description of the true Artist, with di rections for the Election of him in th time of fickneffe.

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