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Spring Physic!

THE Propriety of taking some *Alterative* Medicine at this Season of the Year; to facilitate the Efforts of Nature, must on mature Reflection be obvious to the weakest Capacity;—it is a salutary Practice founded by the Wisdom and Experience of our Ancestors, and sanctioned by the Approbation of every enlightened Medical Man;—its Utility is not merely confined to the *present* Advantages (*viz.* the Acquisition of *Health*, additional *Strength* and *Spirits*) but extends also to the *Prevention* of many formidable Diseases, which frequently occur *when Spring Physic has been neglected*. It should be recollected how much the Perspiration of the Body (both *sensible* and *insensible*) is obstructed or suppressed during the Winter Months by Fogs, Frosts, and piercing Winds; which by constringing or contracting the Pores of the Skin, impede the necessary Discharge of Fæces from the Blood;—these by accumulation become *acrimonious*, and (unless Nature by vigorous Efforts, or the Assistance of some seasonable *Alterative* is enabled to expel the Redundancy) lay the Foundation of a Variety of Diseases. This is by no Means an *abstruse Theory*, but Facts deducible from annual Observations; it requires not therefore the Aid of *sophistical Reasoning* to impress Conviction.

But in the Choice of this *Alterative*, it is of Importance to decide with impartial Discrimination, between the usual Routine of *Antimonials* and *Mercurials*, or the *Substitute* for those *Minerals*,

De Velno's Vegetable Pills:

The former, if they appear to operate beneficially for the present, never fail to implant the Germs of *future Debility* and *Misery*, whilst the *Vegetable Specific* acts powerfully as a *Restorative*, not merely by subduing disease but by increasing the Vigour of Body and Mind.

These invaluable Pills are proved, by the Experience of Thousands, to be the most *safe*, certain, and efficacious Medicine ever yet discovered, for infallibly and radically curing all diseases which proceed from an impure or impaired state of the Blood or Juices.—When the Abilities of the most Celebrated Physicians and all other Medicines have failed, these excellent Pills have effected the most astonishing Cures; (of which there are many living, and indisputably creditable Evidences) they may therefore be relied, on as a *Specific Remedy*

for the Scurvy,

the most inveterate Stage of *Scrophula* or *King's Evil*, *Scorbutic Eruptions*, *Leprosy*, the *ill Effects of Mercury*; and all Disorders proceeding from corrupt or vitiated Fluids.

They may be given at all times, in any weather, to Persons of both sexes and of all Ages, not requiring the smallest confinement or restraint in diet; its Operation being gradual and imperceptible, though certain and infallible; it dissolves in the stomach, blends with the food, and gradually prevades the circulating fluids, correcting in its passage, any deviation from a state of convalescence; in short, it is the long sought for *vegetable specific*, or safe but active substitute for that fashionable mineral *Mercury* (which may be said to cure only by killing.) Its efficacy anticipates the expectations of the most sanguine.

Proofs of their Efficacy.

AN unexaggerated statement of the remarkable cure of E. ELLISTON, Esq. lately residing at No. 35, Mortimer-street, Cavendish-square, but now of Queen-Ann-street, East, who had been eighteen years troubled with a most inveterate Scorbutic Humour, and was on the eve of being doomed to a hazardous, and, at all events, an unnecessary *Salivation*. This gentleman, from the purest motives of humanity and philanthropy, requested his case should be published, and has always very readily communicated the particulars to any persons of respectability making application at his house—an honourable example for imitation.

HIS CASE DESCRIBED.

Mr. ELLISTON had for *eighteen years* been subject to scorbutic symptoms, but for the last eighteen months they had increased to such a degree as to be seriously alarming. Innumerable large spots or eruptions, of a deep red, about the size of peas, and hard, appeared in *clusters*, on various parts of the body, thighs, arms, hands, head, and particularly on the forehead, which was dreadfully *disfigured*. In short, language can but faintly depicture his real condition. But appearances were only of trifling import, when compared with the violent heat and itching which incessantly tormented him. In this situation he consulted his *physician* and *surgeon*, both men of respectability and eminence, who, after a *consultation*, decided on the *necessity* of his submitting to a course of physic, alluding to *Mercury*, which would *confine* him to his room for some weeks. Mr. E. being advanced in years (more than *fifty* of which had been spent in the naval service of his country) told them he would take time to consider of it, as he could not but with great reluctance submit to *confinement*. He advised with his friends upon the subject; some of whom recommended him to try De Velno's Vegetable Pills, which he very fortunately consented to, and by persevering in them, and *them alone*, he has received a perfect cure. During this course he had not an *hour's* confinement, nor was he restricted to any regimen or diet, except temperance; on the contrary, he perceived no effect whatever from the Pills, excepting that of gradually recovering from his complaint, and daily acquiring an addition of health, strength, and spirits.

CASE II.

J. MEREDITH, Coachman to Lord SELSEY, Lower Grosvenor-street, was for a considerable time tormented with a most desperate Scorbutic Leprosy, hideous to the sight, and itching most insufferably; in reality, at least three-fourths of the surface of his body, from his head to his feet, were completely incrustated with leprous scales. By perseverance in De Velno's Vegetable Pills, without any confinement or limitation in diet, he is perfectly recovered.

CASE III.

A respectable Tradesman at Saxmundam, having a son about eight years old, in a dreadful situation from the Scropula, or King's Evil, and being apprised of the remarkable cure Mr. Blackburne had experienced from De Velno's Pills, was induced to try what effect they would have on his son: since which, in a letter now in possession of the Proprietor, he says, "By the blessing of God they have been of astonishing benefit to him; for at that time he could not walk without a stilt and a stick, and sometimes for days together could not get out of Bed, being troubled with such excruciating pains; but now he can walk three or four miles without any assistance."—Further particulars of this cure may be learnt at No. 76, Oxford-street.

CASE IV.

Mr. D. MEDHURST, Cabinet-Maker, late of St. John's-street, but now of No. 18, Dorrington-street, Coldbath-fields, had likewise suffered much from the Scurvy several years, and for six weeks was confined to his bed with a Scorbutic Humour, which broke out in his legs, attended with great inflammation. He was informed that De Velno's Pills would give him speedy relief, and effectuate a speedy cure; and a short trial of them corroborated this account, for the inflammation subsided, and the ulcer soon cicatrized, enabling him to pursue his business as usual.

CASE V.

JOSEPH HUETSON, at Mr. GUEST's Pastry-Cook, No. 205, Strand, having been many years afflicted with a desperate Scorbutic Leprosy all over his body—encouraged by the success of Lord Selsey's coachman, who had been cured of a similar complaint by De Velno's Pills, resorted to the same medicine, and is perfectly cured.

N.B. Those only who had seen this young man prior to his commencing a Course of Pills, can possibly form an idea of the deplorably wretched state in which he was.

CASE VI.

The following Affidavit, made by T. BLACKBONE, Taylor and Gaiter Maker, No. 74, Wardour-street, deserves notice:

Affidavit.

I, THOMAS BLACKBONE, do hereby make oath that, having been afflicted with a bad Scrofulous Complaint, to which my friends and acquaintance expected I must fall a sacrifice, and having been a considerable time under the care of *three* very eminent Physicians, without success, I lastly underwent a course of De VELNO'S VEGETABLE PILLS—derived benefit from the *first* box, and have received a perfect cure from this medicine.—The symptoms were, *three* holes on my head to the very bone; one in my forehead about the size of a shilling; three holes also on my body, which threatened to penetrate even to my very vitals; and large scrofulous ulcers on my leg, one of them very deep and *larger than a tea-cup*; the leg was also swelled to a violent degree, and I suffered most excruciating pain in the *bones* of my head, legs, and joints; indeed, some faint ideas of the shocking state I was then in may be conceived from a view of the scars now remaining.—I do likewise declare upon oath, that I have not received, or expect to receive, any reward whatever for making this public declaration, but am led to it in justice to the Proprietor, and that others in a similar situation may be informed where they also may seek a cure.

(Signed)

THOMAS BLACKBONE.

Sworn at the Mansion-House, London, the 26th day of April, 1800, before me,

H. C. COMBE, Mayor.

CASE VII.

Mrs. WILLIAMS, Seamstress, late at Mr. Gayleard's, Hatter and Habit-maker, No. 82, New Bond-street, was afflicted with the Scurvy to a very violent degree for three or four years, appearing on her hands, arms, and legs, in numerous large florid blotches, some about an inch, others two inches in diameter. Astonishing as it may appear, it is nevertheless true, that after taking only *one* box of De Velno's Vegetable Pills, large scales dropt off from the surface of these eruptions, and, after another box, no vestige whatever of her complaint was discernable. This surprising cure (as is *always* the case with De Velno's Pills) was effected imperceptibly, and without any confinement or restraint of diet.

CASE VIII.

Mrs. G. a married Lady, has permitted the Proprietor to publish her case, and to communicate her address to *any* lady desirous of seeing her. She had from infancy been more or less troubled with a Scurvy in her legs and other parts of her body, but for the last few years (*being a critical period of life with her*) it gradually assumed a more terrific appearance; she was almost a stranger to sleep, constantly labouring under a nervous tremor, with frequent faintings and lowness of spirits; both her legs were covered with one continued scurf, and she suffered, at the same time, most excruciating pain from the *Piles*. She took De Velno's Vegetable Pills, and with the most flattering success, for she was soon cured of the Piles and Scurvy, recovered her spirits and strength; and Mrs. G. assures the Proprietor, that she is now stronger, and more lively, than when *twenty* years younger.

The Proprietor has likewise had the satisfaction to receive similar attestations of the happy effects of these Pills from some of the most distinguished families in this kingdom; and he presumes, from the late extraordinary demand for the Medicine, that the circumstance of their having been taken with great advantage by a PRINCE of the ROYAL FAMILY of Great Britain, as well as by certain other NOBLE PERSONAGES, has, through the medium of their Friends, obtained publicity, although it cannot be expected that the Proprietor should have the privilege of publishing the particulars; but he can with confidence assert, that the real merits of this Vegetable Preparation will, on a fair trial, plead more forcibly in its own recommendation than any thing that can be said of it.

Those persons therefore who are afflicted with *Scurvy*, or *any* impurity of the blood, would consult both their Health and Comfort by embracing the earliest opportunity *in the Spring*, to

give it a Trial.

Symptoms of the Scurvy.

A pale complexion, bloated countenance, dejection of spirits, lassitude; and after gentle exercise, a difficulty of breathing; sponginess and putrefaction of the gums, which itch, swell, and bleed if gently rubbed; rottenness of the teeth, an offensive breath, the bleeding piles, diarrhea or flux, but sometimes costiveness; swelling of the ancles towards the evening; livid spots on the skin, resembling flea bites, generally appearing first on the thighs, then on the arms or hands, and sometimes scattered over the body; an intollerable itching in the skin; red, angry pimples in the face, carbuncles, a dry scurf, and ill-conditioned ulcers on the legs, &c.—Although the foregoing symptoms do not ALL occur to one person, yet the presence of a few of them, are convincing proofs of the Scurvy.

THE CAUSES.

These are, an acrimony, or putrefactive quality in the blood, introduced by moist damp air, putrid water, &c. or from diet, either too acescent or alkaliescent, from the extremes of high living to poor living; and sometimes from neglecting proper abluitions of the body, or not changing the linen often; but most frequently from obstructed perspiration, which prevents an exhalation of feculent matter from the blood.

The Cure.

DE VELNO'S VEGETABLE PILLS.

To those whose constitutions have been impaired by the injudicious administration of Mercury; to those likewise, who, requiring medical assistance, would avert the calamities which must succeed the use of that mineral; to those whose puerile indiscretions have already given birth to disease, or sown the seeds of debility; and particularly to those, who, being married, or on the eve of marriage, are liable to entail corruption on their posterity; it must be a matter of no small consolation to reflect that when all other Medicines have failed, they may rely with confidence on the safety and efficacy of this incomparable *Vegetable Alterative* and

Sweetener of the Blood.

Although this medicine possesses the most active properties as an *alterative*, *purifier*, and *sweetener* of the blood, yet its operation is so salutary, as not to interfere with the avocations of business or pleasure. They expel from the body, in the most gentle manner, by perspiration, almost imperceptible, every thing that is injurious or corrupt: while they impart the most salubrious *sweetness* to the blood and juices, *tone* to the nerves, and *vigour* to the body and mind.

DE VELNO'S Vegetable Pills are prepared by the *sole* Proprietor, JAMES PIDDING, *late Surgeon in the Army*, at his Warehouse, No 76, opposite the *Pantheon*, *Oxford Street*, *London*; where they are sold, wholesale and retail, in small boxes; price 5s. 5d. each, or in large boxes, containing the quantity of five small ones, for 1*l.* 2s. duty included.—They are also sold retail by all respectable Venders of Public Medicine in the Three Kingdoms; but observe, none can possibly be *genuine*, wheresoever or by whomsoever sold, unless the bill of directions is signed with *red ink*, by the Proprietor, JAMES PIDDING, No. 76, *Oxford-street*, *London*.

PARTICULARLY IN LONDON; BY

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Mr. SWINNEY, 21, Pall-Mall

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