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O HEALTH! without thy blessings, what is Pow'r;  
 What HONOURS, RICHES, nay the gift of LIFE?  
 Ev'n humble POVERTY is *wealth* with thee.

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**V**ITAL AIR is known and admitted by all men of science, chemical knowledge, or medical ability, to be the direct exclusive principle in nature, which gives power to all the active energies of animal life; for without a sufficient supply of Vital Air, actual existence ceases: it is the immediate spring---the stimulus which communicates animation to every thing we see and feel. Without the aid of Vital Air, all animals and even vegetables die, fire is extinguished, and every substance in nature either becomes putrescent or inert. With a sufficient supply of Vital Air in our System, we remain in health---with too small a quantity, disease, in its various forms, inevitably attacks us: but let a supply of Vital Air, superabundant to the demands of the most active exertions of perfect health, be thrown into the system, the increase of insensible perspiration instantly relieves the habit; and no stimulus of animation is felt but as an exquisite pleasure, which ceases without fever, or an increase of irritability: thus Vital Air appears to be the vivifying principle which universally pervades all we know of existence: it sustains, yet never exhausts the powers of life, but is the fountain of health, vigour and activity. Many medical men of eminence have administered it through the medium of the lungs; but the quantity thus admitted into the system, has been found to be very trifling, and its effects greatly different from those produced by Vital Air, when concentrated and accurately combined with chemical exactness, and received immediately into the stomach: for it is a well-known fact, that the lungs may for many years be disordered, without more than locally affecting the health; but the stomach sympathises with the whole system; the blood, the brain, and nerves, are all acted upon by the stomach, by direct and necessary impulse. Every disorder, every relief impelled from the stomach, is felt rapidly and with continued effect, if the relief given be in a *shape capable of quick decomposition*.

These circumstances first led Dr. B. to consider the importance of Vital Air

being thus received into the system; and after an infinity of experiments, he happily discovered a method of combining pure Vital Air in a liquid form, capable of quick and easy decomposition, by the simple action of the stomach, communicating with quietude and certain effect, its wonderfully curative powers to every part of the body, in the form of a pleasing and nutritious wine, which, *from the immense quantity of Vital Air it contains*, he denominates VITAL WINE: and the singular advantage which Vital Air, combined with Wine, has over all other preparations, renders it a medicine of the highest importance; for without oppressing the stomach with the exertion of its digestive powers, the most antiseptic, animating, and alterative principle in nature, rapidly enters into the blood, the minutest secretory vessels, the glands, and in fact every part of our complicated frame.

From the immense labour and expence which this preparation, and the necessary apparatus for preparing it has been attended with, and the persuasions of many friends of the highest rank and information in society, Dr. BARTON was prevailed upon to take out a Patent; but not till convinced, by ample experience in considerable private practice as a Physician, that Vital Wine was a medicine of the utmost consequence to mankind, both in the cure and prevention of disease, and capable of eradicating complaints which no known medicines could effect.

The leading features of Vital Wine are the prevention of all tendency to putrescency in the habit, removing obstructions in the glandular and nervous systems, and bringing insensible perspiration to its proper quantum and regularity.

The perfect innocence of the Vital Wine is also such, that it cannot, in any case whatever, be given to disadvantage: even INFANTS of the earliest age may, with the utmost safety and peculiar benefit, take it: and persons who are in a perfect state of health, by drinking Vital Wine instead of other wines, will find their strength of body, vigor of mind, and hilarity of spirits, all improved by it; and as an Alterative in scorbutic and cutaneous complaints, Vital Wine is abundantly superior to every other medicine; is totally free from all metallic substances or preparations; and by its solvent, penetrating, antiputrescent, and stimulating powers, it not only completely removes the melancholy effects of metallic medicines, such as mercury, antimony, &c. but even after the full force of those powerful alteratives, but dreadful debilitators of the human habit, have been repeatedly and with the utmost skill tried, diseases for which such medicines are peculiarly adapted, have remained, and have been afterwards radically cured by the use of Vital Wine alone; and in Venereal cases, after mercury has failed, Vital Wine has always been found not only to re-establish the general health, but totally to eradicate the complaints: and where no mercury or any other medicine has been given, the Vital Wine alone, without confinement or restraint, completely removes the disease.

## SCROPHULA.

*In Scrophula and all other glandular Obstructions*, Vital Wine is an absolute specific, and the youngest infants may drink it, while at the breast, with a certainty of preventing scrophulous complaints, or of removing them if formed. The Bills of Mortality of all great cities furnish indubitable but lamentable proofs of the fatal effects of infantine diseases, occasioned either by obstructions in the minutest vessels, which, *by being neglected*, produce scrophula, or a tendency to putrid diseases. In these cases, and when medicines, in their usual form, cannot be given, the use of Vital Wine is peculiarly efficacious. An extraordinary instance of the effects of Vital Wine, in a direct scrophula, has lately occurred in Dr. BARTON's private practice :

A child at Lambeth, about six years of age, was afflicted with scrophula swellings, foetid discharges and excruciating pains in every part of her body, from head to foot. When Dr. B. was consulted, the child appeared to be in the last stage of melancholy existence, but by taking Vital Wine only, her sores healed, and without the assistance of any other medicine, her strength, spirits and health returned.

## F E V E R S.

In Fevers Vital Wine is superior to every other medicine ; its antiseptic and antiputrescent powers are such, that even putrid fevers will give way to them in a few hours, and the patient become active and in complete health in a space of time scarcely to be believed.

In an instance of the most virulent putrid fever, where the patient was one mass of putridity, deprived of sight, hearing, and nearly of all feeling, and deemed by four eminent medical men gone far beyond the reach of hope or medicine, Dr. B. recommended Vital Wine. The patient was obliged to swallow, *for he was wholly divested of powers, or any apparent sensations*, two quarts, at intervals, in the space of two hours ; and four more within the succeeding 24 hours, by which, and the occasional use of Vital Wine a few days, he recovered without the assistance of any other medicine, soon gained sufficient strength to attend his business, and has since enjoyed excellent health.

When Dr. BARTON resided in Ireland, he had an extraordinary opportunity of trying the effect of Vital Wine in an epidemic Fever, which raged in the county of Louth, in the years 1790 and 1791 : the first symptoms of it were nearly the same as a common pleurisy, and soon changed to a regular putrid fever, which, *by the usual mode of treatment*, proved fatal to no less than in proportion of three to eight persons who were attacked by it. Dr. BARTON administered the Vital Wine to near 800, which, in no one instance ever failed ; but every person who took the Wine recovered.

The occasional use of Vital Wine also prevents any liability to infection from the contagion of putrid or epidemic disorders. In common colds, or in pleurisies, when the first symptoms of fever, quick pulse or pain in the side come on, Vital Wine, drank according to the directions, removes the complaints in a few hours ; and, in the most advanced state of pleu-

rifies, it is of great use, as it almost instantly corrects the primary cause *Inflammation of the Pleura*, and by stopping every tendency to the advancement of putrescency, increasing perspiration, and stimulating the whole system, seldom fails, *wholly unaided by any other medicine*, of rapidly effecting a radical cure.

### NERVOUS COMPLAINTS.

In Nervous complaints Vital Wine is always found extremely useful, as it increases the supply of the pure secretions of the nervous system, allays nervous anxiety, produces quiet and regular exertion, as well as direct and refreshing sleep.

### PREGNANCY.

To Females, in all stages of pregnancy, in child-birth, and during their recovery, Vital Wine is highly useful from its powers of removing Obstructions of every kind, by gently stimulating the blood and glandular systems, and by keeping the nerves in a state of complete action. Spasms, nausea, and accumulations, so common during pregnancy, are also, by the occasional use of Vital Wine, effectually prevented. In difficult labours Vital Wine has always been found useful, and in cases where little hope remained of saving either mother or infant, by *the gently active but invigorating stimulative effects* of a few glasses of this medicine, both have been preserved. An instance occurred to Dr. B. who was called to a lady who had been several days in labour, and where great skill had been used and attention paid, the patient was induced to drink the Vital Wine freely, which occasioned an happy and almost immediate relief.

Dr. BARTON, the Inventor of the *Patent Vital Wine*, finding the great demand for it interfere with his Medical Avocations,

HAS APPOINTED

Mess. *Ching and Butler*, No. 123, *New Bond-street*, and No. 4, *Cheapside*, his sole Wholesale and Retail Agents,

By whom the VITAL WINE is sold, with printed Directions, in Wine bottles, at 5s. 9d. each, *duty and bottle included*; and for Exportation, at THREE Guineas per Dozen, or Three Dozen and Half, *completely packed in a proper basket*, at TEN GUINEAS.

The following respectable testimony in favour of the Patent Vital Wine, has been recently presented to Dr. Barton, by several Noblemen and Ladies of the most distinguished rank and character.

*WE, whose names are hereunto subscribed, feel ourselves called upon to testify, in the strongest manner, our high approbation of Dr. Barton's most excellent Vital Wine, having not only derived great benefit from it as a medicine, but found it a most pleasant beverage; we therefore take this mode of congratulating the public on this happy discovery, as a general benefit to mankind.*

\* \* \* The original Testimony and Signatures may be seen at Mess. CHING and BUTLER'S, No. 123, New Bond-street.