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Arious Reports having
been spread concerning
five Children, upon
whom the *Small-Pox*
was *inoculated*, I have
been desired to publish
the true Account of their
Case; which is as fol-
lows. *

A Gentleman had six
Children, five Sons and a Daughter; who from
their Infancy had been kept to a regular cooling

* I was a Stranger to the Children, and was not consulted a-
bout them 'till the eleventh Morning after their Inoculation;
and therefore am obliged to their Parents, and those who
attended them, for what relates to their Diet, their Consti-
tutions, the Manner of their being prepared for the Disease,
and the Effects produced by the Inoculation before I saw
them.

Diet, and had scarcely tasted Flesh-meat 'till about a Year ago, and since that time, eat only such as was of easy Digestion, and that sparingly once a Day. The fourth Son aged between nine and ten Years, of a healthy Constitution, took the *Small-Pox* in the natural Way on the 18th of *August* 1725. His *Pock* being *distinct* and good, the Parents resolved to have the rest of their Children *inoculated* from him; which was accordingly done on the 26th of *August*, the ninth Day of their Brother's Illness. They were each of them prepared for the Distemper by two Doses of a purging Infusion, one of which was given on the 21, and the other on the 23. From the time of *Inoculation* they were kept from Flesh-meat, and were only allow'd Bread and Milk, Bread and Butter, light Pudding, Tea with Milk, and things of that Nature.

I. The eldest Son aged thirteen Years was nursed in the Country, where he continued 'till he was a Year and a half old, and was then brought home to his Parents in a very poor and weak Condition. Soon after he grew *rickety*, but recovered from that Disease in less than a Year. In some Months after his Recovery, he got a swelling in his Foot which suppurated, broke, and ran for several Weeks. After this was healed, he continued well for about three Years, then he had an Abscess in his Belly below the Navel, which suppurated, broke and was healed in about two Months. Since that time he enjoyed a very good state of Health, and was a strong lusty Boy when he was *inoculated*.

On the eighth Day after *Inoculation*, he began to be disordered with a Head-ach and Vomiting. His Vomiting was frequent and violent 'till the third Day of his Illness, and then it abated but did not cease, for he vomited at times 'till the fourth Day at Noon. No *Pock* appeared, but on the third at Night purple Spots of different sizes were observed all over his Body, many of which were as large in Diameter as a midling Pea. About this time he fainted; and died in the Evening of the fourth Day, about twenty four Hours after the first Appearance of the Spots. He was extreamly thirsty during his Illness, and for the most part pale and cold.

His Incision had a good Digestion at the second Dressing, which was on the third Day after it was made, and continued in this State 'till the Day on which he sickened; then it grew pale, flaccid, and had little or no Discharge. It continued thus 'till the third Day of his Sick-ness; then it turned blackish, and was perfectly dry on the fourth, the Day on which he died.

II. The second Son aged eleven Years of a healthy Constitution, began to be disordered on the Seventh at Night. He first complained of a Pain in his Bones and Back, and the next Morning of a Pain in his Head, and was very dozy all that Day. On the third he was very restless, raved much, and had a very uneasy Night. He vomited a little on the third and fourth, and what he threw up was blackish and mixed with Clots of Blood. The *Pock* began to appear on the fourth towards Night, and upon
the

the Eruption all the fore-mentioned Symptoms vanished. He then bled two or three Spoonfuls from his Nose. On the fifth in the Morning he was very easy and without a Fever. On the sixth he complain'd of a sore Throat, began to spit, and continued spitting three or four Days. His *Pock* was *distinct*, ripened well, and he recovered.

His Incision had a good Digestion on the third Day after *Inoculation*, and continued to make a good Discharge 'till he sickened; then it grew pale and flaccid, and continued so 'till the seventh Day of his Sicknels: From the seventh to the ninth it was blackish, and somewhat dry, but after that it again came to a good Digestion.

III. The third Son aged about ten Years, a fresh colour'd, strong, healthy Boy, who never had had any Sickness, began to be disordered on the eighth Day after *Inoculation*; in the Evening he complained of a Pain in his Head and Belly. He was very hot, thirsty and restless all that Night. The next Day which was the second of his Sickness, he vomited in the Morning and continued vomiting at Times 'till the third Day in the Evening. Then the Eruption began, and on the fourth in the Morning it appear'd in his Face like an *Erysipelas*. I could not at that time discover any *Pustules* either on his Body or Limbs, but he had many purple Spots all over him, especially in his Neck and Loins, many of which were as large in Diameter as a great Pin's Head. On the fifth the *Pock* began to appear in his Body and Limbs, and came out thick on the sixth. He was extreamly restless, and

and raved much from the Beginning of the Eruption to the sixth Day, but was pretty quiet that Night, slept and began to spit. On the seventh his Face was swell'd, his Spitting continued, and he had some Sleep. On the eighth he continued much in the same state, only drank and slept more than he had done before. On the ninth in the morning the swelling of his Face abated. On the eleventh his Breath grew short, his Spitting stopt, and he died in the Evening. His *Pock* was the worst sort of the *confluent* Kind, it never fill'd nor digested; but continued flat and watery 'till his Death. He had no Thirst, and wou'd drink but little during his Illness.

His Incision discharged a well digested Matter from the third Day after *Inoculation* 'till the Day on which he sickened: Then it grew pale, flaccid, and had little or no Discharge. It continued thus to the eighth Day of his Sickness, then it turned black and was scarified: On the ninth it discharged a little thin Sanies: It grew quite dry on the tenth, the Day before he died.

IV. The fifth Son, strong and healthy, aged about eight Years, began to be disordered on the seventh at Night with a feverish Heat, and a Pain in his Head. These Symptoms continued much the same all the next Day; but towards Evening the Fever encreased, and he had a very uneasy Night; he grew easier the following Morning, and continued so 'till Evening, when the *small Pox* appeared. He sweated much all that Day. His *Pock* was *distinct* and good; he

he had but few, and recovered without any ill or irregular Symptoms.

His Incision suffered no Change at the time of his Sickening, but discharged plentifully throughout the Distemper.

V. The Daughter aged six Years, of a pale Complexion, but always healthy, began to be disordered on the seventh Day after *Inoculation*: Towards Night she grew hot and complained of a Pain in her Head. On the Day following she vomited in the Morning; towards Evening her Fever encreased, and she had a very restless Night. She was much easier the third Morning, and continued so 'till Evening, when the *Pock* began to appear. She dozed all the fourth Day, had a Looseness, and vomited once or twice; towards Evening were observed many purple Spots, especially on her Neck and Breasts, the largest of which were not greater in diameter than a midling Pin's Head. She had a *distinct Pock*, but was very full, especially in her Face and Limbs. On the tenth she had some loose Stools, two or three whereof were bloody. The *Pock* fill'd, digested well, and she recover'd.

Her incision in the beginning had but an ill digestion: from the time of her sickening it was pale and flaccid 'till the eighth Day, then it grew blackish and was scarified, the Slough separated on the tenth, and after that it had a good Discharge.