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Touching the late pretended Rabbit-bearer; as it appears from his own Narrative.

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Surgeon and Anatomist to the Kings of
Lilliput and Blefuscu, and Fellow of
the Academy of Sciences in Balnibarbi.

The SECOND EDITION.

Asses and Owls, unseen, themselves betray, When these attempt to hoot, or those to bray. Garth.

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FTER that long and particular Detail of my felf, and of my various Adventures in so many

different and remote parts of the Globe, as I have lately entertain'd

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the Public with, I little thought any private Occurrence, in so small a Spot as the Island of Great Britain, could have rous'd my Attention, and broke in upon that Repose, in which I hop'd to have spent the Remains of a declining Life. But small and inconsiderable as it is, I consider it is my own Country; the Thought of which, together with that inextinguishable Thirst after Truth and Knowledge, in regard to my self, and an ardent Inclination of communicating it to others, have prevail'd upon me once more to be expos'd in Print, in order to express my Abhorrence of a late diabolical Imposture: propagated, not so much by the Knavery of some, as by the Ignorance and Stupidity of others. I need not fay I mean the Rabbit Affair;

fair; with which, for some Weeks past, the Minds of the People of this Island have been so seriously and so surprizingly employ'd; so as scarce to leave them any Leisure for Things of a more sublime Nature, and of vastly greater Consequence and Importance.

For the' that Gentlemen's Can-

And tho' I verily believe this to be the real and only Cause, why the Perusal of my Travels has been so neglected of late, which, by the Decay of the Sale, has sensibly affected a worthy and honest Bookseller; yet I declare to the World, that my Motives for entering the Lists against Mr. St. André (a Person to me wholely unknown, and unheard of till I saw his Name in the News-Papers, upon that unfortunate Accident, B 2 which

which befel him, when he fancied he was poyfon'd) are, that little Skill which, by my Education and Experience, I have attain'd in Surgery and Anatomy, and that great Ignorance in both, which he has betray'd upon this Occasion.

and Importance.

For tho' that Gentleman's Candor is very great in shewing such a remarkable Alertness, at confessing that he has been impos'd upon in this Paltry Bufiness; and tho' perhaps, by that he may flatter himself, that he shall escape all further Cenfure, yet I shall be at the Pains of Convincing the World that he is mistaken, even in this also; and that, had he not been most profoundly deficient in that discerning Penetration, with which all true Surgeons make ribida.

make Enquiries of this fort, he might have discover'd this Impositure at the very first Sight, and not have drawn in so many Persons of distinguish'd Sense and Figure, to be gull'd and deluded by so coarse and palpable a Fraud.

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For, to begin with his Narrative; a true Surgeon, one, I mean, orderly and properly educated in that worthy Profession, would never have suffer'd his Curiosity to be at all alarm'd by seeing a Letter from Guildford, which mention'd a Woman's being deliver'd of sive Rabbits: Suppose one were to see a Letter from Battersea, importing that a Woman there had been deliver'd of sive Cucumbers, or indeed a hundred Letters, would that lead a Man of Sense to believe

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any Thing, but, either that the People who wrote those Letters had been grossly impos'd upon themfelves, or intended to impose upon him. Either of these two Things may, and do happen every Day; but it was never known, that ever any Creature brought forth any one Creature of a Species in all Respects different from it felf, much less five or seventeen such Creatures; for which therefore, a Man of common Sense, much more a penetrating and quickfighted Anatomist should look upon all such Letters with the utmost Contempt. to fee a Letter from Batterfea, im-

Yet it was the Sight of two or three such Letters (and those flagrant with most conspicuous Tokens of Imposture) which induc'd

Mr. St. André, at this time of the Year, to take two Journeys to Guildford, in order to enquire into the Truth of what, in Nature, it was impossible should be true. However, to Guildford he came for the first time; where I shall attend him a while, and watch his Motions, perhaps to a better Purpose than he did those of the Rabbit-bearing Woman: For tho', with all his Skill he was not able to detect her Fraud, I hope with very little of mine to display his Ignorance.

In the the first Place, how stupid must be have been, not to suspect a Trick, when Howard, upon being sent for, came and acquainted him, that the Woman was actually in Labour of the sisteenth Rabbit. This puts

puts me in Miud of what, above fix and Forty Years ago, I learn'd at School; where the Sagacity of old Simo in the Andria of the Terence appears, to the utter Shame of our modearn St. Andrians: The old Gentleman had Reason to suspect Fraud from the known Character of a crafty Knave he had to deal with; and whose Business it was to make him believe, that a certain Lady was just then in Labour: Accordingly, as they approach her House, she contrives to be in one of her Labour Pains, and cries out so loud that the old Man must needs hear it: upon which, I remember, he fays, with much Humour and Judgment, Hui, tam cito? ridiculum. Postquam ante ostium me audivit stare, approperat. Non sat commode divisa sunt temporibus tibi,

tibi, Dave, bæc. For thus, had he been credulous enough to go to Guildford to inquire into this Cheat, he would have faid, in plain English, upon the like Occasion, What a pox, is she so quick? this is the damn'dest Joke that ever was: the Moment she hears I am arrived, she falls into one of her Labour Pains: ab, Howard! this was not well tim'd of you by any means.

But, to return from this Digression, if the Woman was actually in Labour of the sisteenth Rabbit, why should Mr. Howard leave her, and stay with Mr. St. André till they call'd him again, when she was said to be in one of her Labour Pains? Here a wise Man would have smelt a Rat instead of a Rab-

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bit: And much more, when this Woman in Labour Pains, and who had been in Labour some time then, nay fourteen times before, was found drefs'd in her Stays, and sitting on the Bed-side; and that not for want of Help to put her to Bed; for there were several Women near ber. A Man must have a spritely Genius for swallowing Imposture that was not stagger'd at fuch an Appearance. This fure it was that prompted Mr. St. André to wave all such Reflections, and proceed immediately to examine ber; when, tho' by his own Confession, he did not find the Parts prepar'd for her Labour, (which was another plain Indication of the Roguery) yet he was weak enough to wait for the coming on of fresh Pains, and, in three or four Minutes after, to think

think be deliver'd ber of the intire Trunk, Arip'd of its Skin, of a Rabbit about four Months Growth (he meant to have faid, of an Animal of the Size and Figure of a Rabbit of four Months Growth) in which the Heart and Lungs were contain'd, with the Diaphagm intire. Well, what does my Gentleman then? He instantly cut of a piece of them, and tried them in Water; in which they swam, and when they were press'd to the Bottom, rose again. Now, it being notoriously the Property of the Lungs of a Fætus to fink, and of a Creature which has been some time brought forth alive to swim, in Water; what but an absolute Prepossesfion in favour of this filthy Miracle, or a confummate Ignorance in these Matters could have hinder'd any foradichey were groed to Death, and

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ber Inquirer from being determin'd in relation to this Cheat, by the foregoing Trial? Yet Mr. St. André never boggles at this, nor at the Impossibility of the Trunk of such a Greature's (suppos'd but just before to be alive) being stript of its Skin, by the contractive Faculty of the Womb; nor at the Woman's being chearful and easy, and walking by her self from the Bed-side to the Fire the Moment she was deliver'd: But goes on conjecturing in a yet more abfurd manner, that these Creatures, (as big as Rabbits of four Months Growth, which must be within a Trifle as big as full grown ones,) were bred in the Fallopian Tubes; and came into the Uterus one after another, where they lay and kick'd, till they were press'd to Death, and flead,

flead, and all their Bones broken, in fuch a manner, that they were fenfiby heard to fnap, by the violent convulsive Motions of it.

I take the Liberty to inform my Readers, upon this Occasion, that the Fallopian Tubes are a Passage of Communication, of scarce three Inches long, between the Ovaria and Uterus; thro' which the Embryo, after Conception, is convey'd from the one to the other. And tho' at that End next the Uterus they open, somewhat like the Mouth of a Trumpet, yet, when stretch'd to the utmost, the general Canal of them scarce exceeds the Thickness of ones Finger: And therefore the Impossibility of any one such Creature being contain'd there, much less

less of eighteen, as this Gentleman suppos'd, must appear to every one of a common Understanding. He tells us, no Blood nor Water issued from the Vagina after this Delivery, and that her Pulse was regular. Monstrous! that none of these Indications should open Mr. St. André's Eyes: If he thought at all, what could he be thinking of? It is notorious, that in Births of dead Children, Women suffer much more Pain than in those of Living ones; fo as to be, during the Operation, in high Fevers, with irregular Pulses, and left in great Weakness afterwards. Yet this Woman is deliver'd of fifteen dead Rabbits, fuch as of four Months Growth, without any Alteration in her Pulse, without the least Inflammation or Laceration in her Vagina, walking from the Bedfide, fitting down in a Chair by the Fire, as well as if nothing had happen'd; and skilful Mr. St. André swallowing this foul Imposture, without the least Squeamishness or Reluctance.

In the Rectum of this Animal, which remain'd affix'd to the Body, Mr. St. André finds five or six Pellets, much of nhe same Golour and Confiftence of the common Dung of a Rabbit. Strange! that this should not alarm him! (it being notorious that the Excrement of a Fatus is always liquid) but this he swallows likewife; as he does the Skin roll'd and squeez'd up like a Ball, which he delivers her of some time after: And not long after that, of the Head, with the Fur on, Part of one of the Ears being torn off. Upon all which Occasions, I mean those of the Womb's having the Faculty of skinning a Rabbit all but the Head, of rolling this Skin up like a Ball, and tearing off a Piece of an Ear; this Gentleman speaks as familiarly as if they were common Cases, which wanted not in the least to be accounted for, or wonder'd at.

In the Intervals between these notable Deliveries, Mr. St. André diverted himself and his Company, by examining the several Rabbits, which were kept separate, in distinct Pots, with Spirits of Wine, in the Order that they were brought away. Here likewise, I will do my self the Honour to attend him. And now, methinks, I see him expatiating, in a very genteel adroit manner, upon the

the general Resemblance, but particular and fignificant Difference between them and natural Rabbits.

The first, says he, does not appear to be a perfect Rabbit, in all its Parts. (Here one would suppose, the Difference lay in some one or two, at most, minute, not easily observable, Circumstances, in which this Creature varied from a Rabbit: But, on the contrary, it feems 'twas a perfect Cat in all its Parts, one or two only excepted.) "Three of the Feet " being like the Paws of a Cat; the Stomach and Intestines like those in the same Animal; as also the Shape and Figure of the Thorax. Ob-" ferve, the Lungs and Heart, how entirely they are out of their natuce ral Situation; and Squeez'd out bea tween the upper Ribs, and Vertebræ

" bræ of the Neck (doubtless by the " convulsive Motion of the Uterus) "to which Parts, observe how ce strongly they grow and adhere. The " Lungs of this Creature, had they ce been plac'd in their natural Cavi-"ty, would not have fill'd above a fixth " Part of it. The Bones of this Crea-" ture are likewise all so different in " Substance and Structure from those " of common Rabbits, that o'my Con-" science, the Head and one Paw " only excepted, I think it has not the " least Resemblance of them. All "the other thirteen Animals I pro-" nounce to be in every particular, like " well-form'd, common, natural Rabbits, from the fixe of two Months "Growth to four. These have been cc all broken to pieces much in the si same manner; but when these several

" ral parts are put together in their proce per order, they manifestly make up and appear to belong to the abovemence tion'd Animals. I confess the Viscera are wanting in four or five of " them; but that is not very materi-" al; that Defect is amply supply'd by this one remarkable Circumstance, which is, that most of these Animals (for Rabbits I will not call them) ce as far as I can judge, are Females. " The Flesh of these Creatures, particularly of that which I extracted, has " the Smell of Rabbits just kill'd; and " the Substance of their Bones are, in " all respects, like the Bones of Fœtus "Rabbits. (How particular, how " dilucid, and exact is this part of "his Lecture!) From all thefe Con-" fiderations (and many more too te-"dious and impertinent to be recited

"ted) with greater Assurance than "Knowledge, I am fully convinc'd, " that, at the same time that the ex-" ternal Appearance of these Animals " is exactly like such Creatures as must " inevitably undergo the Changes that " bappen to adult Animals, by Food and Air, they carry within them the "strongest Marks of Fœtus's, even in " such Parts as cannot exist in an A-"dult, and without which a Fœtus " cannot possibly be suppos'd to live. "This, I think, proves in the strongest "Terms possible, that these Animals " are of a particular kind, and not bred in a natural way; nor will there be " any Doubt remaining (even with the " least knowing in these Matters) " when these things come to be " clear'd up by the Anatomy of these ce præternatural Rabbits (a præternatural

"tural Anatomist Thou art without
"Dispute) which I shall publish with
"all convenient Speed, with their Fi"gures taken from the Life, and com"par'd with the Parts of Rabbits of
"the same Growth (he would have
"said the same size) that the Disse"rences before-mention'd may be fully
"understood.

This therefore the publick has still just Reason to insist upon from Mr. St. André; for, however he may pretend to be impos'd upon by others in the Delivery of these Supposititious Rabbits, the learned anatomical Observations, recited above, are purely the Result of his own Skill and Judgment; and cannot with any Colour of Reason, be plac'd to the Account of Fraud and Imposture

Imposture in others. Especially those Facts which he has the Assurance to say were verified before his Majesty on Saturday, Nov. the 26th, by the anatomical Demonstration of the first, the third, fifth and ninth of these Animals.

However, not content with havingly fufficiently plac'd his Reputation at stake in this audacious manner (for fuch I must call it) on the wretched Observations abovemention'd, out he fets for Guildford again, being resolv'd to bring the Woman to Town if there was any Prospect of more Rabbits. What could this Creature, this Animal have in his Head to hinder him from concluding that a Woman in fuch a Condition (were it possible any Woman could be in fuch a Condition) Impolante should

should not be mov'd out of her Bed; much less out of her House, and much less from Guildford to London. Yet fince he is resolv'd upon another Expedition, I am resolv'd once more to attend him thither, and observe his Motions.

And here he is again so keen up on this vile false Scent, that tho' he finds Mr. Howard standing at his Door, who tells him that he hop'd all was over, because that he did not perceive in the Uterus any Motion as usual, yet he visited her several Times that Day, proceeded in every Respect, with the same Sagacity as before; and towards eight a Clock that Evening, deliver'd her of a Piece of one of the Membranes of a Placenta (admirable!) roll'd

up like Parchment. This shews how well he is acquainted with the Texture of those Membranes. And his Desiciency in that Point was further consirm'd by a second Delivery of (what he took to be) another Piece of Membrane, in Structure, Shape and Size, exactly like the former.

Thus I have touch'd upon, and I hope abundantly expos'd the profound Observations contain'd in Mr. St. Andrè's short Narrative. Whenever he appears in Print again, upon this Occasion, as I find he threatens to do, I shall again be ready to guard the Public against being deluded by his pretended Discoveries. And, tho' it is not my Nature to insult any Man upon Account of his Missortunes, whether brought up-

on him by his own Folly, or the Malice of others; yet give me Leave to fay, it is, of the two, a much more eligible Evil, that the Prefumption of one ignorant Empiric, should undergo a public Chastifement, than the Understandings, of so many of his Majesty's Loyal Subjects, be corrupted by such sham Demonstrations.

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But, after all, as I am a no less strict Lover of Justice, than an indefatigable Searcher after Truth; now my Resentment of Mr. St. André's ill Conduct in this Affair, is somewhat cool'd by the Liberty I have taken in censuring and exposing it, I shall offer something, by Way of Abatement of that severe Construction, the World will be apt

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to pass upon his Judgment in this Affair.

In the first Place, I have the Charity to believe he has been egregiously impos'd upon, in Relation to the Character he has publish'd of Mr. Howard, whom he stiles, a Man of known Probity; whereas that Name is as notorious at Guilaford, and the Parts adjacent, for denoting a Whisker, as ever mine was at Redriff, for establishing a Truth. Secondly, it must be consider'd that the Pleasure of being talk'd of, and heard to talk, in all Companies public and private, as the very fecond Discoverer (Mr. Howard being indisputably the first) of this extraordinary and prætrnatural Production, must needs swell the Mind of a raw Practitioner with Vanity, and make him run blindfold into a Series of Absurdities; no one of which, at another Time, would have found any Admittance within the Bar of his Judgment. And Thirdly, The Nature of Climates, together with the feveral Makes, Capacities and Tempers of the Inhabitants of different Countries, are the Reason why Things may appear puzzling and perplexing in one Place, which in another would be accounted for, with the greatest Ease and Certainty imaginable; and why that, which is here a Cause of the highest Ridicule, in a contrary Part of the Globe, would be the Occasion of raising a Man's Character to the most exalted Pitch of Dignity and Reputation.

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a raw Practitioner with Vanity, and For Example, had a Native of the Kingdom of Lilliput, happen'd to be in this our Island, when the Story of the Rabbits was first vented at Court; and had fuch a one been dispatch'd to Guildford, in Order to enquire into the Truth of that Matter; upon the first View of those Pellets, against which Mr. St. André had no Objection, he, with his fine Microscopic Eyes, would have instantly discover'd every particular Herb the Creature had fed on that Meal. And what Mr. St. André calls a dirty-colour'd Mucus, such as is constantly found in the Bowels of all Foetus Animals, and such as in those that void their Excrements in Pellets, is commonly hard and dry, our Lilliputian

putian would have distinguish'd to have been nothing but a Parcel of mere Rabbit's Dung, which to him would have appear'd as coarfe and and large as a Scavenger's Load, fresh taken from a Butcher's Lay-stall would do to us. And that which, in the middle of the Gut Ilium of the Cat, Mr. St. André thought was like a very small Fish Bones, the more quickfighted little Man would have demonstrated to have been nothing more than the Bones of a Herring, which that Creature had devoured a few Hours before it was thrust into the Vagina of Mary Toft's Uterus. Tho, as Arts are very much improv'd with us, I question whether a very ordinary magnifying Glass, fuch as Children use to divert themfelves and whole the

felves with, might not have made the Discovery as well.

But, if I am rightly inform'd, as to the Nature of Mr. St. André's Education, I am strangely surpriz'd that He, of all People, should appear so unacquainted with the Materials of which the Strings of a Fiddle are compos'd.

Again, tho', in any of the European Nations, those that pretend to any Skill in Anatomy or Midwisery would be scouted to Eternity for only questioning, or going to make Inquiry, whether it was possible for a Woman to be delivered of eighteen Rabbits, from two to four Months Growth; or a Fætus of that Size, but just dead, and whose Flesh smelt like

like that of a Rabbit newly kill'd, should be voided in Fragments and Bits; or that the same Woman, notwithstanding all these Deliveries, should be, during the whole time, perfectly healthy and well, feeding on nothing but Beef, Red-herring, &c. or that a Piece of Hog's Bladder could be part of the Chorion, or Membrane of the Placenta; yet give me leave to fay, that in the Kingdom of Balnibarbi, these things would appear in quite another Light. There, tho' a Virtuoso should only endeavour at a Demonstration of this kind, spend many Years in the Attempt, and all his Labours prove abortive at last, yet would his Suppositions be sure to meet with so kind a Reception from the publick, as to procure, at least, his being adopted,

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my of Sciences there; (of which I profess my self an unworthy Member.) Nay, it is ten to one but he would be taken up into the floating Island, and appointed Anatomist extraordinary to the Court of Laputa.

Such is the Use I am always determin'd to make of this my Knowledge of the World and Mankind. As I will not fuffer any upstart Pretender, of what Profession soever, to monopolize and vend his Absurdities within this my native Country, without fuch Animadversions as may ferve to warn the publick against him: So, on the other fide, if he happens to have any Merit which would shine and be distinguish'd in other Regions of the Earth, I **shall**

fhall be ready to do Justice in that Point also, by letting him know in what part of the World he may be fure to find a proper Reward.

But I can't conclude, without feriously lamenting the great Detriment like to accrue to our Nation by the Stir which has been made about this foul Imposture, both by the Actors and Examiners of it; and that as well in regard to the Warreners and Poulterers, (who complain that the Consumption of Rabbits, within this Metropolis, is become, by two thirds, less than it was formerly;) as in relation to those obscene and indecent Images, which for more than these nine Days last past, beyond all Example, have fill'd the Minds, and furnish'd out

the Conversation of People of all Ranks, Ages and Conditions. And whether Ideas of this Nature are fit to be put into the Heads of rude Boys, Boarding-school Girls, and Old Maids, I leave every discreet and prudent Matron to judge.

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RABBIT-MAN-MIDWIFE.

THE Doctor fearch'd both high and low,
And found no Rabbit there,
But peeping nearer cry'd, Soho,
I'm fure I have found a Hare.

THEY all affirm'd with one Accord,
When they had fearch'd her thorough,
That Bunny's Dad must be a Lord,
Whose Name does end in Burrough:

For Lords, as well as other Men,
Can do but what they can,
Engend'ring little Monsters when
They cannot get a Man.

WHIP, said Sir Thomas, whip the Slut, It is a Breach of Peace, That Woman any thing should put But P---s in that Place.

Whiston, much plainer than his Creed,
These Beasts in Scripture saw;
But as the Story proves, indeed,
It was Apocrypha.

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Murder of Mr. HAYS by his Wife.

To the Tune of, CHEVY-CHACE.

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In Tyburn-Road, a Man there liv'd
A just and honest Life,
And there he might have lived still,
If so had pleas'd his Wife:

II.

But she, to vitious Ways inclin'd,
A Life most wicked led,
With Taylors and with Tinkers too
She oft desil'd his Bed.

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Place Woman any thing though put

Full twice a-day to Church he went,
And so devout would be,
Sure never was a Saint on Earth,
If that no Saint was he!