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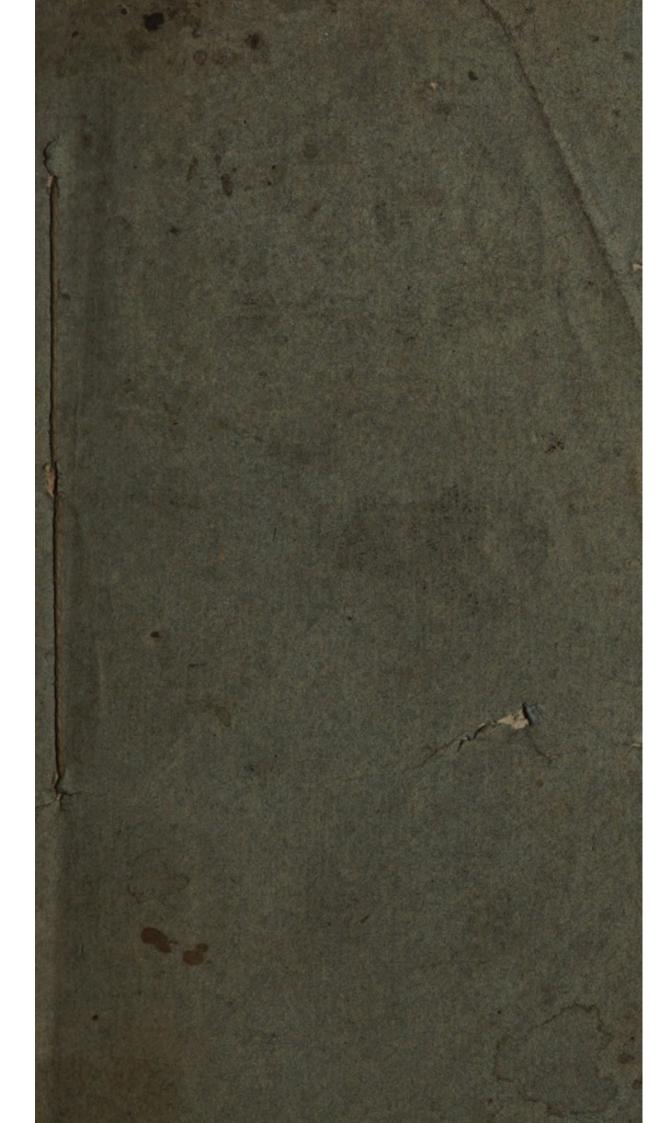
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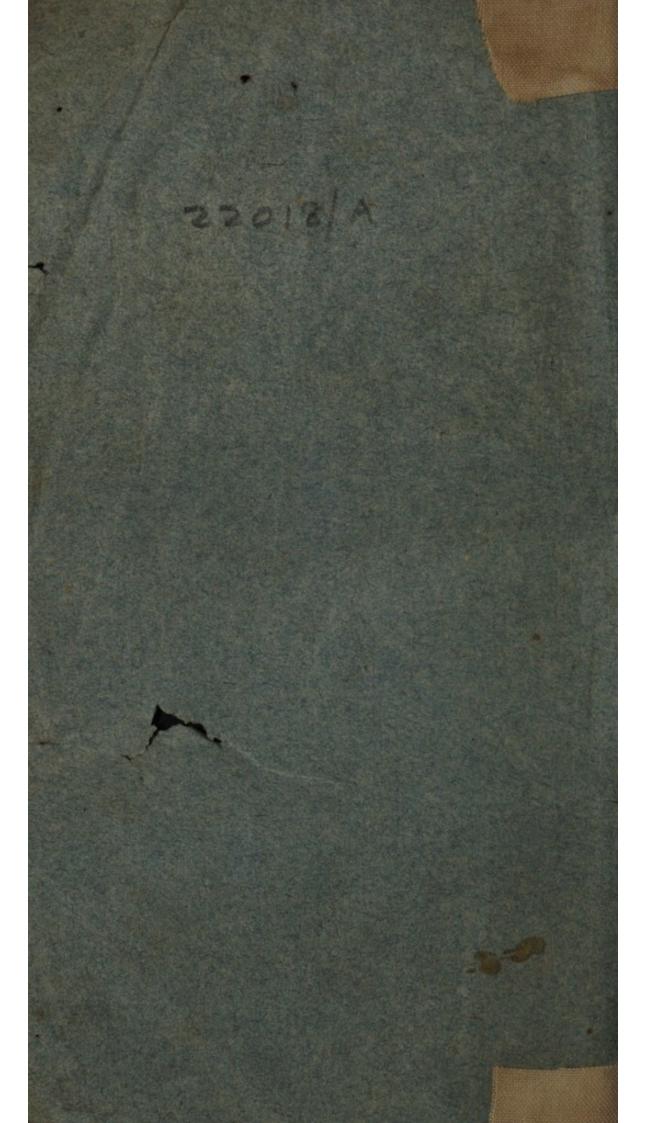
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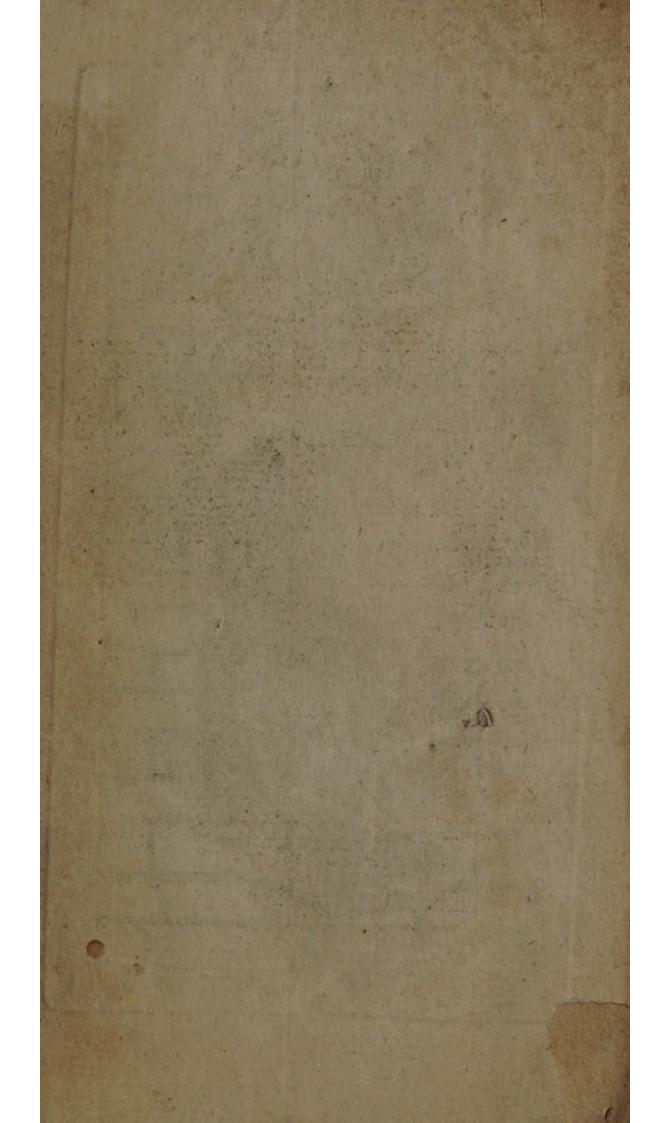
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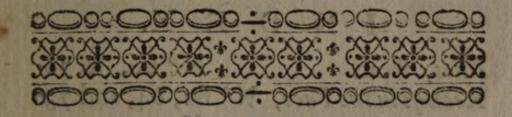
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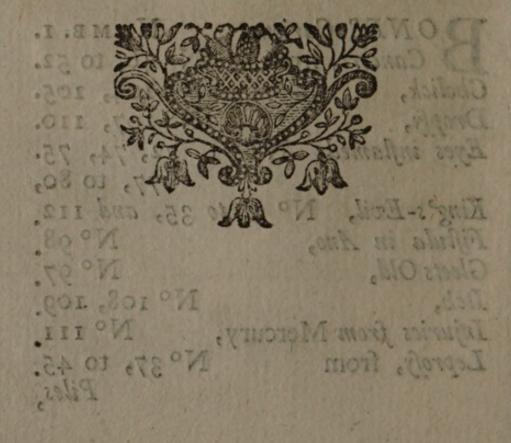
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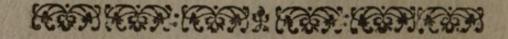
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N. B. The Fabrick, as represented in the Frontispiece, is designed to be placed before the three Pumps, each Cock to have its Communication only with its respective Pump, in order to prevent the wasting of Water, which is frequently occasioned by the pre-

fent Method of Pumping.

I thought it proper to acquaint the Publick with the Reason of this intended Alteration, lest ill-designing Persons should take a second Opportunity of infinuating, That any material Alterations have been made, by mixing the Water, or otherwise: which the Publick may depend on will never be allowed of by the Proprietor, notwithstanding we apprehend no material Difference between the several Wells.





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HOLT WATER.

having obtain'd a great Efteem and Reputation for the Cure of many Chronical and Obstinate Diseases, it is presum'd a short Account of the Holt Mineral Waters, and their experienc'd Virtues, will be acceptable to the Publick on several Accounts; particularly, that it may be known in what Cases to expect Relief from them, and in what Quantities, Seasons of the Year, and Manner, they are to be drank; which Particulars have been much enquir'd

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And as it is a great Satisfaction to every diseas'd Person to be well affur'd of Cures persorm'd by these Waters in like Cases, I have collected as many as my Leisure would permit, which are a very considerable Number for a Mineral Water so lately known, tho' small in Proportion to what might have been collected, could I have spared Time to have attended it

with a proper Application.

I am no ways qualify'd to write an exact Treatife of the Nature of the Waters: What I shall offer to the Publick, is a bare Narrative of Facts; the former I shall leave to abler Perfons, whose Pens I hope will not be wanting, to fet in a more instructive Light a Matter of such general Concern. And to encourage some skilful Person, who is capable of fuch an Undertaking, I will beg Leave to infert a remarkable Passage taken from the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society, Nº 51. which is very apposite to the present Subject: "Whoever, say they, discowers fuch Healing Waters, and " publickly prescribes the safe and " right

" right Use of them, does really di-

" stribute larger and nobler Alms,

" than if he built and endow'd a

" Savoy: For this prolongs Life, and

" restores Health, which is sometimes

" better than Life, both to Rich and

" Poor, Natives and Strangers, to

" Neighbours and Travellers."

As to an Enquiry into the particular Ingredients with which this Water is impregnated, and in what Proportions, were my Abilities adequate to the Performance, I should chuse to wave any Attempts of that kind, which only ferve to amuse the Curious; being influenc'd by what the Honourable and Learned Mr. Boyle is found ingenuously to own; "That " notwithstanding the many Ways of "discovering the Natures or Quali-" ties of Mineral Waters, yet I think " the furest Way of knowing them, " is by a long and fufficient Experience " of their good and bad Effects; for "I strongly suspect, and, it may be, partly know, that there are be-" neath the Surface of the Earth divers Mineral Substances, some fix'd and some volatile, some in the

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" Form of hard Bodies, some of soft " ones, fome of Liquors, and fome of Fumes, divers of which the "Generality, even of learned Men, " are altogether Strangers to; be-" fides those, that tho' some Men " may chance to have feen, have " their Natures fo little known, that " they have not fo much as a Name " affign'd them; fo that when I con-" fider that of the Ingredients we are " unacquainted with, (to pass by all " the rest that the Earth may con-" ceal) the Proportions wherein they " are mingled may be numberless, " and the Qualities refulting from st these Commixtures may be very "different from those of the separate " Ingredients, I am apt to look upon the Difficulty of fecurely deter-" mining the Effects of Mineral Wa-" ters, a priori, as little, if at all, " less than insuperable to human Un-" derstanding."

Struck with the Authority of this Great Man, I shall confine myself only to shew what Effects these Waters have on Human Constitutions, by which imperfect Account it will appear

pear what a Blessing these Waters are to the Publick, by recovering many that have been long afflicted with most obstinate, and almost desperate, Diseases.

The first Discovery of these Waters at Holt was merely accidental, in the following Manner: About 40 Years ago one of the Inhabitants of Holt finking a Well near his House, open'd a Spring about 11 Feet deep, which plentifully supplied him with Water ; and foon after expecting a Visit from fome of his Relations, he brew'd a Barrel of Ale with the Water of this new Well, to entertain his Friends with; and for their better Reception, a Joint of Mutton was got ready, and boil'd in the same Water: But when the Meat came to be fet on the Table, it appear'd fo discolour'd, and of fuch a footy Hue, that he was almost asham'd to set it before his Guests: However, they fat down to their Repast, and Hunger being their Sauce, they eat plentifully, and drank freely; but in a little Time the Mineral Water began to exert its Operation, and they all found themselves fick

fick of the same Disease; every one complain'd of a Flux for a considerable Time.

This being talk'dof about the Neightbourhood, it soon reach'd the Lady *Liste's Ears, then living in Holt, and Lady of the Manor, who telling the Story to a neighbouring Clergyman, (Mr. Hickes) he took an Opportunity to try the Water by some Chymical Experiments; and recommending it to the Observation of Dr. Guidot of Bath, the Doctor made Trials upon it, and found it very strongly impregnated with Mineral Salts, but of a mix'd Nature, and reducible to no particular Class.

Notwithstanding this, little Notice was taken of this Water for several Years after its first Discovery: Its Medicinal Virtue was known but to sew, and brought little Advantage to the Owner, not sufficient to countervail its ill Quality of being unfit to wash or brew with, till about 18 Years ago, viz. A. D. 1713, it came into

^{*} Sir William Lifle's Widow, and Grandmother to Edward Lifle of Moyles-Court, Efq; the

the Hands of the Widow Harding, the present Keeper of the Wells at Holt, who having a Child at Nurse with her, then about 5 Years old, that was miferably afflicted with the King's-Evil, made a wonderful Cure upon her, by the fole Use of the Water, and thereby laid the Foundation of its present Reputation. The Child brought the Distemper into the World with her, and was wasted and weaken'd by it to that Degree, that she was confin'd to her Bed, and a Surgeon attended upon her for some Time; but finding all Means ineffectual, he advis'd the Nurse to give the Child some of the Mineral Water: By his Advice the did fo, tho' with fome Reluctance, the Girl being then fo much weaken'd by her Illness, that they concluded it would foon carry her off: In a few Days they perceiv'd a fensible Alteration in the Child, which encourag'd them to go on and increase the Draught, and duly plying her with the Water, the foon quitted the Bed, and was able to walk about with the Help of Crutches; and by the continu'd Use. of this noble Remedy, she was by Degrees

grees at length fo strengthen'd, and the Wounds, which were chiefly in the Thigh and Hip, were so perfectly heal'd, that she was able to walk, and work at the Spinning Wheel; and the Crutches were set up over the Well, as a Memorial of the Cure and excellent Virtue of the Water. The Girl is now living in Holt, and maintains herself by the Labour of her own Hands.

N. B. This is the Cure, No 16. in

the following Lift of Cures.

The good Woman who liv'd in the Cottage to which this Well belong'd, was not wanting to herself in publishing this remarkable Cure upon the poor Girl, which drew others in the Neighbourhood, in Cases of the like Nature, to make the same Trial, in Hopes of the same Success. And as every Year produc'd new Cures, and the Fame of the Water increas'd, there was still a greater Resort to it; Multitudes were heal'd of Scorbutick and Scropbulous Illnesses in their Eyes, Arms, Hands and Legs, &c. The ·Water was carried to all Parts, and weekly Accounts came in of Cures done done by it: But due Care not being taken to record them, and Persons of Distinction not admitting a Publication to be made of the Cures personn'd on them, many were irrecoverably lost.

The following Collection therefore is not to be look'd upon as a perfect and full Account of all the Cures

which this Water has effected.

I have given every particular Case faithfully, as it came to my Hands, and have inserted the Names of such as desired their Cures might be made

publick.

I hope the Success and Reputation of these Waters being a Matter of Private Interest, will be no Objection to their being a Publick Benefit; and as I have taken particular Care not to offend any one, I promise myself they can meet with no Discouragement, but from Persons interested in some of the many Mineral Waters which this Kingdom produces.

The Holt and Bath Waters are in many Cases of great Service to each other, as is well known from the Prescriptions of Physicians, the Holt Wa-

ters being in some Cases a proper Preparative for drinking the Bath, and very often of Service when drank alternately, and likewise after a Course of the Bath Waters.

As to the Objection, that the Holt does not purge so briskly as some other cold Mineral Waters in this Kingdom, it feems to be started by fuch as have very little Medicinal Skill, fince, as I am inform'd, if Evacuations were the main and principal Point to be pursu'd, the Materia Medica abounds with Evacuants; but the Holt Waters are a true Alterative, and as fuch must necessarily remain some Time in the Body, in order to produce those furprizing Effects which have already fo deservedly raised them to the high Character and Reputation which they bear, not only in this City, but thro? the whole Nation.

And indeed this Objection, so injudiciously urged, is perhaps one of the greatest Things that can be faid in Favour of the Wells at Holt, which purge so gently as not to weaken the Constitution, and by their great Astringency brace and strengthen the Parts,

at the same Time that they affect the

Distemper.

As to the Quantity convenient to be drank daily, it is impossible to lay down a general Rule; every one must adjust this as their Constitutions will bear, and Case requires, Respect being had to the Age, Strength, and other Circumstances of the Patient, and the Nature of the Distemper: I could wish that all such as can afford it would consult the learned Gentlemen of the Faculty, by whose Directions they may reasonably expect a more speedy Cure.

But as many who will have Occafion to drink these Waters may not be in a Capacity to consult Physicians, I think it necessary to mention in what Manner I have observed these Waters to be drank with the greatest Success.

The general Quantity is three Wine Pints a Day, which is about the Quantity contain'd in each of the Bottles in which this Water is fold; viz. half a Pint in the Morning, at least an Hour before Breakfast, one third of a Pint an Hour after Breakfast,

the like Quantity half an Hour after that, and to be repeated the next half Hour, beginning again two or three Hours after Dinner, and taking the like Quantities three times at half an Hour's Distance, and the remaining half Pint the last thing just going to Bed; the last Glass at Bed-time, is esteem'd to be of great Service: It is also of Benefit when drank at Meals, but then this must be over and above what has been already prescrib'd.

A much larger Quantity than this, will only (as Dr. Cheyne in his Treatife of the Gout observes) "distend and relax the Stomach and Intesses force its Way through the largest and most open Passages, and propagate the Circulation through the Branches of the larger Arteries and Veins, where the least Foulness and sewest Obstructions can happen, fo that it will scarce reach the finer Capillary Vessels, in which chiefly

the Morbifick Matter resides."

The best Method therefore of drinking them, is by small Quantities frequently repeated, which Dr. Keil has like-

likewise afferted and prov'd in his Medico - Physical Essays: Says he, The most expeditious Way of altering the whole Mass of Blood by Mineral Waters, is by small and frequent Draughts. When these Waters are too cold for the Stomach, as in Winter, and in cold Weather, they may be warm'd and drank with equal Success.

In fuch Cases, when the Stomach can bear the proposed Quantity, it would be adviseable to boil one Half, or two Thirds of the Bottle, thereby reducing it to such a Quantity as may

inoffensively be taken.

When the Case is very obstinate, a larger Quantity of the Water may be taken, by reducing three Pints to a Pint and a half by boiling; and drinking it so reduc'd, in the Morning, as before directed, let the Pint and half which is design'd for the Afternoon, be taken without being boil'd.

Dr. Grew, in his Latin Treatise of the Nature and Use of the Bitter Purging Salt, approved by the College of Physicians, and the Royal Society, and C trans-

translated into English by Dr. J. Bridges, 1697, speaking of Mineral Waters, whose Virtue consists in a fix'd Salt, says, "Physicians in London, for the "most part, prescribe the Waters

" not to be drank raw, but boil'd;

for fo the Quantity of the Water

being lessened, and yet the Strength

" increas'd *, they work off the Sto-

" mach and Bowels more advantage-

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Perhaps some minute Part of the whole Impregnation may be forc'd off by the Fire, but it is highly probable that the mere Element evaporates in a much greater Proportion, consequently there must be more Virtue in a Quart of boil'd Water (which is the Remains of two Quarts reduc'd by Evaporation) than there can be in a Quart of the Water as it arises from the Well, tho' perhaps, not every individual Particle with which the two Quarts was impregnated; but if there remain only the same Virtue in a Quart

^{*} The Strength increas'd, that is proportionably to the Quantity of the Waters, their Virtue not lying in a volatile Spirit, as those of Tunbridge, and the like, but in a fix'd Salt.

fo reduc'd, as in three Pints raw, it is then sufficient to answer the Ends for which this Method of Drinking is recommended; for as these Waters are rather of an alterative, than purging Quality, there is less Objection to their being made stronger, especially in a stubborn Case.

And if it be more agreeable to the Stomach, the Water may be turn'd with Milk in the following manner.

To any Quantity of the Water when boiling, add a 6th or an 8th Part of New Milk, strain off the Curd, and drink as before; which Method of drinking Mineral Waters, is likewise mention'd and approv'd by Dr. Grew.

Moderate Exercise is requisite to be used during the Time of drinking these Waters, to raise (as I am informed by the Learned) proper Ferments in the Humours, and to promote their due Secretions, to attenuate the Fluids, and brace up the Fibres, and give the Nerves a better Spring. Propen Exercises are Walking, Bowling, Dancing, but especially Riding; all which moderately used, will facilitate

cilitate a due Secretion of the peccant Humours, particularly through the Kidneys, and be of Service to remove Obstructions in the Glands of

the Mesentery and Intestines.

And during a Course of these Waters, the Food should be such as is easy of Digestion, plain, and not adulterated with high Sauces; for these, by carrying fresh Salts into the Body, daily feed the Distemper, and add new Fuel to the Flame.

All Persons under a Course of these Waters, ought to be very careful to prevent catching Cold, nothing so much hindering their good Effects,

as Neglects of that Nature.

In the Scurvy, King's-Evil, Leprofy, Cancers, fore Eyes, and other Ulcers, the Water is not only to be taken inwardly, but the Tumor, or Ulcer, must be often bath'd, or wash'd with it, and wet Cloths applied to the diseased Part, and frequently renewed.

And in fuch Cases, where any particular Part wants to be washed or bathed with the Water, it must certainly be of Service to do it before the

the Fire, which will open the Pores, and draw off the watery Part only, leaving the Particles in which their Virtue confifts, to be imbibed by the opened Pores, which I my felf in fome Degree have experienc'd; for, being affected with a scorbutic Heat in my Blood, which would often show it felf in my Arms, attended with a violent Itching, but more particularly fo when warm'd either by Exercise, or fitting near the Fire: The Fire at first would raise the Itching, yet upon fomenting my Arms with the Water, I found a much greater Relief, and the Itching much fooner allay'd, then when I applied the Water only, without the Help of the Fire; and by this Means, and drinking the Water a short Time, the Disorder in my Blood was perfectly removed. If the Case be of long standing, it is necesfary to drink the Waters ten Days before they are used externally.

Notwithstanding I have been thus particular as to the drinking and applying of these Waters, I humbly beg Leave again to repeat, that in drinking, the Person is to be guided,

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In respect to the Manner, Time, and Quantity, by his Constitution and Malady; and that in making a Judgment of these, he would not do well to trust himself too far, but for the greater Success and Security, to take

the Advice of a Physician.

I have frequently known Persons very uneasy, when the Waters have forced the Humours out of the Blood through the Skin, by more violent Breakings out; it can't be improper therefore to observe, that such an Appearance is so far from affording Matter of Discouragement, that it is really a good Symptom, and the Fore-

runner of a speedy Cure.

The Spring and Summer are generally allowed to be the most proper Seasons for drinking these Waters; but I find no Difference in them from the Season of the Year, either by their Specific Gravity, Chymical Experiments, or their Effects when drank by distemper'd Persons; therefore we may conclude that the Beds which contain the several Ingredients with which these Waters are impregnated, are wash'd in Proportion to the

the Quantities of Water that passes through them; fufficient Care being taken to prevent the Rains penetrating into the Wells perpendicularly. The Season therefore of drinking them at any Distance from the Place, is, when any Person is afflicted with such Diseases for the Cure whereof these

Springs are recommended.

But fuch as propose to drink the Waters only at the Wells, should be there early in the Spring, or Beginning of Summer; for if they came late to the Wells, the Winter advancing before they are perfectly cured, they have not had Patience to stay long enough, the Company being gone, and the Place become less pleasant and agreeable; fo that they have been obliged to return another Seafon; when, instead of being well, their Diftemper has grown more obstinate than before, and probably through a Neglect of drinking the Waters a few Weeks longer, they have been put to the Expence and Fatigue of a felcond Visit.

It is adviseable, that all Persons whose Affairs will permit them, should drink COLOR

the Waters at the Wells, not that they lose any Degree of their Virtue by Carriage, or Keeping, even for feveral Years. (For as their Virtues do not confift in any Ingredients that are Volatile, they are not lost when bottled, as is evident from their continuing to answer to the several + Chymical Experiments, curdling with Milk, retaining their Weight, and particularly from their being efteemed the stronger when reduced by Evaporation; which Method of drinking them is often recommended by the Gentlemen of the Faculty.) But there is generally this Difference in drinking these Waters, from, or at the Wells, that on the Spot every Perfon's Diet and Pleasures are made fubservient to the Waters, when at a Distance the Waters, on the contrary, are made subservient to every thing elfenuorda vicado

But for the farther Satisfaction of fuch as cannot come to these Wells, I have taken Notice of some parti-

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t Vid. the Chymical Experiments in the Appendix. Fol. 5. and 16. Case, No 60.

cular Cures which have been effected intirely, or partly at a Distance from the Wells *, which is an undeniable Proof of their retaining their Virtues; and in order to prevent any Doubt of the Truth of any of the following Cases, I have declared from whom I received each Cafe: Such as are Signed by the Parties themfelves, need no farther Testimony. When these Waters are sent from the Wells, it is absolutely necessary that the Bottles be perfectly new and clean, or else the Water will often stink; and tho' the utmost Care be taken at the Wells, yet sometimes a small Straw will pass unperceiv'd in a Bottle, and when it does stink, the Stench is beyond Imagination.

- I beg Leave to make one Observation, and humbly offer it to the Confideration of the Sea-faring Gentlemen; which is, that these Waters might be of great Service in Sea-Voyages, because they will keep se-

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^{*} Viz. Nº 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 34, 35, 58, 53, 62, 62, 64, 74, 75, 77, 78, 82, 85, 86, 87, 89, 97, 98, 99, 100, 104, 105, 112. (Vid. the fecond Paragraph after the Lift of Cures)

veral Years, and retain their full Virtues; and being most indisputably a certain Cure for all Degrees of the Scurvy, must consequently be particularly serviceable in preventing the ill Consequences of a Salt Diet, and want of Exercise. Their Essicacy in the Cure of that Distemper cannot long be question'd, after the great Benefit which so many eminent Commanders in the Sea-Service have received from the Use of these Waters.

Dr. Winter, in his Treatife of Bathing in the Hot-Baths in Somerfetsbire, published in the Year 1728, takes the following Notice of these Waters.

" The general Division which the

"Ancients made of Medicinal Wa-

ters, was into Sulphureous, Bitu-

" minous, Aluminous and Nitrous.

" Vitruvius, Pliny, and Calius Aurelia-

" nus, are particular as to the drink-

" ing the Cutilia, which the two first

" call Nitrous, and the latter Alu-

" minous. What the Nitre of the

"Ancients was, is not altogether

certain, but, I humbly conceive, the

"Cutiliæ were of the same Kind with

" those that are found with us at Holt;

" which Waters, from the Cures by

them performed, are at present ad-

vanced to a great Degree of Repu-

" tation."

I doubt not but the Doctor had good Authority for what he then wrote; but was he, from that Time, to publish the particular Cases of his Patients, and of those only who have drank the Waters by his Advice, joyned to those auxiliary Medicines which he ordered with great Success, the most extraordinary of these Cures would be equalled by some of those performed on his Patients.

I can't (in Justice to the Doctor's Judgment, and the due Applause of the Waters) avoid mentioning one of the many Cases which I have known to come under his Care, "A Gen-" tleman, who, from a Venereal Dis-" order, had a total Disuse of the "Urinary Passage, making Water" through a new Orifice, after Trial of divers Means, and the Use of several Mineral Waters, without any Success, (for some Years to the

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best of my Remembrance) the Doctors sent him to Holt, whose salubrious Waters soon heal'd up the new Orifice, open'd the proper Passage, and he ever after retain'd his Water with a natural

Facility, who before was liable to frequent and involuntary Dil-

charges thereof. 22 anw and coow

It may perhaps be objected against the general Use of these Waters, that what does fo much Good, if wrong applied, may do Harm; in Answer to which it may be observed, that it is not easy to misapply them in England, a Country whose Inhabitants are in general subject to some Degree of the Scurvy. I never yet knew any one Instance of their having any ill Effect, unless in Consumptions; and they have to my Knowledge often had a very good Effect in the Gout, particularly on Mr. Unit, a Gentleman of Gloucestersbire, who was much subject to the Gout: He happen'd as he was riding, to receive a Blow on his Hand from a Bough, which brought on him a Fit of the Gout, first in his Hands, then

in his Feet; when by drinking the Holt Waters in somewhat a larger Quantity than usual, the Fit was carried off in eight Days; and as that was much fooner than he could expect, he took a Resolution to guard against his Distemper for the future, by making use of the same Means which had fo foon relieved him in it, and he has ever fince continued the Use of these Waters at Times, which have had so good an Effect, that he has been less subject to the Returns of the Gout ever fince, and the Fits have been less severe. I received this Account from Captain Gustavus Scot, who is frequently at Lloyd's Coffee - House in Lombard-Street.

I know Mr. Unit has often drank the Holt Waters, and in my Hearing has several times spoken of the Benefit of these Waters in the Gout, for which Distemper he drank them. I should not have taken the Freedom to have mentioned this Gentleman's Name in so public a Manner, had I not been credibly inform'd, that he himself intended, for the general Good

Good of Mankind, to make his Cure known.

But in this particular Case of the Gout, I have been assured by good Authority, that a regular Course of Drinking is necessary, since using them only for a small Time, will rather stir up the Humours, then carry them off, and rectify the Crass of the

Blood and Juices.

What has gained these Wells so great Reputation, is chiefly their wonderful Success in all scropbulous and scorbutic Cases, King's-Evil, Running Sores, Ulcers inward and outward; incipient, and even bleeding Cancers; Piles inward and outward. They speedily carry off any Breakings out in the Face, Itchings in the Skin, Giddiness of the Head. They have done great Service in Lethargic Cases; and never fail to give an Appetite. They are very effectual in strengthening all over relax'd Parts; particularly they remedy the Weakness of both Sexes, and are of fingular Benefit when drank after Mercurial Administrations.

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I am obliged to the Reverend Mr. Lewis, of Holt, for many of the following Cases, who collected and published them some Time ago, without any other View than for the publick Benefit of Mankind; and the great Reputation which these Waters now have, is in some measure owing to that Gentleman's judicious Observations; a Specimen of which I now give, as I obtained them from him, for the better Satisfaction of the Publick, and a more convincing Proof of their Virtues.

To Mr. Henry Eyre.

SIR,

A T your Desire, I have sent you an Account of the several Strata of Earths, and Fossils found in sinking the Mineral Wells at Holt, which was published among the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society, in 1728, with such little Alterations, and Additions, as, upon a Review, were found necessary to be made.

I have also sent you the Transcript of a Letter to Dr. Rutty, Secretary

to the Royal Society, relating to the Mineral Waters at Holt; and have added another Letter to a Friend on the same Subject, which gives a particular Account of the several Cases in which the Holt Waters are, by Experience, found useful.

I am, SIR,

Your very humble Servant,

for the better Satisfaction of the Peb-

An Account of the several Strata of Earth and Fossils found in sinking the Mineral Wells at Holt: By the Reverend Mr. Lewis, Curate of the Place; communicated by John Brome, Esq;

A FTER they had passed the upper Turf, they came to a blue Clay, which held about three Foot; then they met with a yellow, brittle Clay, much like Ochre, used by Painters, about two Foot in Thickness. Below

Below this, at about fix Foot from the Surface, they came to a Bed of Stones, of a large Size, and a very hard Texture, having in some a Gypfum, in others a Spar-like Substance, which run through, and divided their Parts into Squares, all fill'd with harden'd Loam of a grey Colour. These Stones were all of an Oval Figure, in Shape like Pebbles, and weigh'd from ten to fixty Pound Weight; they are found to extend all over the adjacent Field, upon a Horizontal Level, and exactly answer the Description of Helmont's Ludus, which he mentions near Antwerp, on the River Scheld, and to which he ascribes such wonderful Virtues in disfolving the Stone.

From thence to the Springs, which ran about eleven Foot from the Surface, was a Loam of a loofer Texture, intermix'd with Ochre, and sparkling with a Kind of Talc, to which the Naturalists give the Name of Selenites. These were found plentifully shot in the Clay, and are Crystals consisting of transparent shining brittle Flakes, some of Rhomboidal,

all Hexaedra, or Columns of fix Sides and Angles: Where they were Conical, their Position was very curious, many being plac'd in a round, and fix'd like Radii, to one Centre. They had no sensible Taste of Salt, and the Clay in which they were found, was interspersed with Veins of colour'd Earth, resembling Sulphur, and Iron Rust.

Below the Springs, the Clay was darker colour'd, and interlaced with small Shells of the Oyster and Escallop, and Muscle-kind, with Belemnites, Entrochi, &c. curioufly shaped. Here they met with Stones of a very close Texture, which, when washed, feem'd to be nothing but a Mass of Shells blended and embodied together. And a little lower, the Clay produced some Lumps of a black, bituminous Sulphur, interlaid with fome fmall, thin Laminæ, feeming to be Metalline, and bright like the purest Silver. Upon firing this sulphureous Bitumen on a red hot Iron, it emitted a blue Flame, and ftrong Smell, like Brimstone; but the metallic a thinks a

tallic Part was fo volatiliz'd by the Sulphur, that it was loft in burnding whereto a Solation of Alom.goi

From this Account of the different Strata, in finking the Wells, their Impregnation feems to be from Alom, Vitriol of Steel, Ochre and Sulphur; and from an accurate Mixture of all these, which no Art can imitate, it is supposed to derive those admirable Qualities with which it is endued.

Some Conjectures may be made of its Nature and Qualities, from the Tincture it gives upon Chymical Experiments; for with Volatile Alcalies, as Spirit of Urine, and Sat Armoniac, it turns milky; with Lixiviate Salts, as Oil of Tartar per del. it rifes in a white Curdle; but acid, faline Liquors, as Spirit of Salt, Nitre, &co. cause no Alteration. The milky Curdle from the Oil of Tartar, difcovers a Mixture of Alom and Sulphur; for Sulphur - water when impregn'd with a little aluminous Salt, will turn white with Oil of Tartar. Its milky Colour with Spirit of Urine, is a certain Indication of the Alom; for having let fall a few Drops of Spirit Caples.

Spirit of Wine into common Water, it did not alter the Colour, till adding thereto a Solution of Alom, it immediately appear'd in a white Cloud,

and became milky.

A Gallon and half of this Water being evaporated ad Siccitatem, the Reliquiæ weigh'd three Drams one Scruple, and nineteen Grains; some Parts of which were shot into Stiria, like Needles; others into Prisms, with Lamellæ, or thin Plates sticking to the Vessel.

The Neighbouring Country is chiefly a strong Clay; the Quarries produce a very hard Stone, which feem to be a Composition of Shells, closely cemented and embodied together; and some Marchasites, which abound with Sulphur. In finking deep Pits, they throw up Stones like Iron Oar, and covered with a shining, metalline Substance, and serpentine Stones, curiously ingrail'd, and wound up in fpiral Circles; and the plough'd Fields abound with Stones, refembling Shells of the Escallop and Cockle-kind, striated with Arteriæ, or Star-stones, which are all strong Alkalies, and with Aqua

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Aqua Fortis, or Spirit of Nitre, raise a violent Ebullition.

A Copy of a Letter to Dr. Rutty, late Secretary of the Royal Society, relating to the Mineral Waters of Holt.

SIR,

Mr. Brome, he gave me an Actount that he had communicated to you a Paper of mine, relating to the Mineral Waters at Holt; and that you had sent it to the Press among the Philosophical Memoirs of the Royal

Society.

I little imagin'd when it was first pen'd, it would have gone abroad into the World in so publick a Manner. It was drawn up at the Request of a Gentleman drinking the Waters here, to enable him to answer some Queries propos'd to him, by his Friend in Town, upon that Subject. But since you have thought fit to give it a Place among the Transactions of the Society, I cannot but pay so much Deference to your Judg-

Judgment, as to acquiesce in the Publication, and hope it may be a Means to recommend the Waters to the good Opinion of the Learned Gentlemen of

the Faculty.

Your Intimation to Mr. Brome, that you was willing to inquire into some farther Particulars relating to these Waters, bath drawn upon you the Trouble of this Paper; for though I have too slender an Insight into Affairs of this Nature, to be able to give you any satisfactory Account, yet I am willing, as far as lies in me, to make known the excellent Virtues of these Waters, of which I have been an Eye-Witness for many Years, in many extraordinary Cures.

Experience has prov'd them of admirable Efficacy in scorbutic and scrophulous Cases, wherein they have done such Wonders, that a short Account which was publish'd of their Cures in that Kind, about five Years ago, was look'd upon by some rather as a Romantick Tale, than a True Narrative of

real Facts.

They are of an attenuating, astringent, and drying Nature; and by these [35]

these Qualities, I suppose, they perform their Cures. The first is the known Property of all Water, to dilute the Blood, and thin the Juices, and thereby fit them to pass the fine Strainers, and be carried out of the Body by their proper Drains. In the second consists the great Excellence of Holt Water, which by its notable Astringency, braces the Solids, stimulates the Fibres, and quickens their Contractile Powers, and thereby enables them to shake off, protrude, and squeeze out, such Feculencies as may adhere to, clog, and stuff 'em up: And this Quality it is probable they derive from the Alom, and Iron that are supposed to impregnate them. The Ingredients that give them their drying, healing, and absorbent Quality, are the Sulphur and Ochre, by which they imbibe the peccant Humours, and sheath the sharp Salts that lance and tear the finer Glands, and cause Blotches and Ulcerations. As they attenuate and astringe, they are a noble Diuretic, removing Obstructions from the Kidneys, and causing the Renal Glands to make their due Secretions; and at the same Time dissolving the grosser Salts, and fitting

fitting them to be carried off through the

Urinary Passages.

The Waters being found of excellent Avail in many other Illnesses besides the Scurvy and Evil, I forbear mentioning any other Cases, lest I trespass against good Manners, by making my first Visit too long. I am, with all due Respect,

SIR,

Your very humble and

obedient Servant,

J. L--s.

A Copy of a Letter to a Friend, giving an Account of the partiticular Cases in which the Holt Waters are found to be of Service.

Dear SIR,

Am favour'd with yours about a Fortnight ago, and the Concern you express in it for the Welfare of me, and my Family, is extremely obliging. The Waters I find, have been of signal Service

to you, in your Disorder, which I am glad to hear, and the more, because I encouraged you to expect it. I perceive the good Opinion you have of their Virtues, has raifed your Curiofity to make farther Enquiries into their Qualities, and · Manner of Operation; and you would ' gladly be inform'd what other particular Cases they are serviceable in; and how they are supposed to be fitted to produce such notable Effects. I would willingly comply with your Request herein, was I not conscious to myself, that I shall on not give you That Satisfaction on this Head, which you feem to expect. However, I chuse rather to run the Hazard of forfeiting 'your good Opinion, by an ime perfect Account, than decline an · Undertaking, whereby I may convince you, how much I value your Friendship, and may, in some meafure, acknowledge my Obligations to you. I shall begin with the Scurvy, a Disease that is not only very common, but very difficult of Cure s and and

' and if it be the Foundation of all that black Train of Maladies Dr. " Cheyne attributes to it *, I am fure we ought to raise all the Posse of " Medicines against it; and this Mie neral Water, which feems peculiarly adapted to Scorbutic Disorders, will ' justly deserve all the Praises that are given it, if it can quell, and root out so general, so obstinate, and fo fatal a Diftemper. It is sup-' pos'd to owe its Rise to a Redundance of Salts in the Blood, occa-" fion'd generally by eating too much " Flesh, and salted Meats; or, drink-' ing plentifully of strong Liquors, which carry a large Quantity of

^{*} He says, 'We owe to it all the Dropsies that happen after the Meridian of Life; all Diabetes, Asthma's; Consumptions of several Kinds; many Sorts of Colicks, and Diarrhoeas; some Kinds of Gouts, and Rheumatisms; all Palities; various Kinds of Ulcers; and, possibly, the Cancer itself: And most Cutaneous Foul-nesses, weakly Constitutions, and bad Digestions; Vapours, Melancholy, and almost all Nervous Distempers whatsoever. Essay of Health, fol. 178. And again he says, fol. 180. 'Most Chronical Distempers are little else but Branches and Cions from this Root.

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Salts into the Body. But without Doubt, fometimes this Malady is ex Traduce, and arises from an Hereditary Sharpness in the Blood, whereby the original Taint being deeper radicated, is much more difficultly overcome. The proper Method of Cure, as I take it, is,

1. To prevent the Increase of the morbific Matter, by a moderate Use of animal Food, and a total Abstinence from high-season'd Meats, and all hot, spirituous Liquors; or, at least, by using 'em e as sparingly, and as seldom as con-

veniently we can.

2. By a due Use of Exercise, as Walking, Riding, Chafing, &c. to break the Salts, and promote their Secretions. And where Inactivity and a fedentary Life have contributed to bring on this Distemper, fuch Medicina Gymnastica may go a great way towards the Cure.

3. By a regular Use of such Antiscorbutics, as may absorb and wash off the Salts, and carry them out of the Body by their proper Out-

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e lets, particularly by Urine; and at

the fame Time may new brace the

· Solids, and reduce the Fibres to

their due Tensity: And for these

· Intentions, Holt Waters seem peculi-

e arly fitted, as it is a Diluent and

· Detergent, an excellent Diuretic, and

a notable Aftringent.

By these Qualities it thins the Juices, dissolves the acrid Salts, and fits them to pass the Orifices of the Excretory Vessels; cleanses the Alimentary Passages, &c. and at the same Time rouses and enables Nature to discharge the noxious Humours, by giving a new Spring to the Fibres, and causing the Glands to make their due Secretions; and herein consists the chief Method of

Gure.
For the internal Cause of the Scurvy oftentimes is this, that the thinner Parts of the Serum passing off plentifully, in sufficiently large Quantities, and the grosser Salts, which ought likewise to have been strain'd off, and discharged through the Kidneys, being retain'd in the Blood,

Blood, hence the Mesenteric and

· Cutaneous Glands come by Degrees

to be obstructed, and, in Time, the

harp corrofive Salts increasing their

Bulk and Acrimony, and sticking

' in the Capillaries, produce hard Swel-

lings, red Spots, and Eruptions,

s and cause a general Disorder in the

whole Animal Oeconomy. And the Excellence of this Water, is to diffolve and break the Salts into a Smallness, sufficient to give them a free Passage through the Kidneys, and at the same Time to excite the Renal Glands, to se-' parate them from the Blood, and ' turn them out of the Body by their ' proper Emunctory. Besides, the 'Impregnation of this Water being partly Vitriolic, gives a better Con-" fiftence to the Blood, which is grown too lax in scorbutic Constitutions; fo that I may venture to fay, that ' in all the Materia Medica, there is not a more fafe and noble Remedy for fuch Diforders, than these Mineral Waters, which, if continued s a fufficient Time, and attended with a regular Diet, moderate Ex-E 3 ercife,

f ercise, and in obstinate Cases, with a few proper Medicines, will fo fweeten the Blood, and all the ' Juices in the Body, as to quell and overcome this Diftemper: Accordingly, under this unhappy Ma-! lady, great Numbers have here found Relief. How many have I heard extolling the Medicinal Virtues of the Waters, and with Pleasure owning the great Benefit they had found by the Use of them in scorbutic Diforders. Red or livid Spots, fometimes emitting a briny Humour, or crusted over with a white Scurf, have been clear'd, and the Skin brought to its Natural Colour and Smoothness. Strumous Swellings, particularly in the Glands of the Neck, or under the lower Jaws, have been carried off, the 6 Obstructions removed, and the Glands reduced to their Natural Size; and even the Scropbula, proceeding from a radicated Scurvy, hath here found a perfect Cure. The Scropbula, or King's - Evil, s owes its Origin mostly to a Scorbutic, sometimes to a Venereal Taint; CULLICA and and accordingly as it derives its Rife from each of these Causes, is more difficult, or easy of Cure; and in either Case, may find Res lief from these Mineral Waters. · A Scropbula, proceeding from an inveterate Scurvy, is a stubborn Distemper, and is not to be work'd off but by a long Course of Alteratives; among which, Holt Water e may be allowed the Precedence; being a Remedy admirably fuited to this Case, as it is of an attee nuating, cooling, cleanfing, and drying Nature, and an excellent Deobstruent, Diuretic, and Astrins gent. By these Qualities, inwardly staken, it infinuates itself into the inmost Recesses of the Body, thins the feculent Juices, cools the hot Blood, foftens and fmooths the Afperities of the sharp corrosive Humours, and carries them off through the Urinary Passages. And outwardly applied, it cleanses away the ulcerous Sordes; and having, by its internal Use, diverted the Course of the Humours to some proper e natural Drain, gently purses up, · Breaks, e and

and by Degrees, closes the Mouths of the excretory Glands; and thereby putting a Stop to the Afflux of the Humours to the difeafed Part, heals the Wound. In like manner, and for the fame Reason, it is of excele lent Avail in all running Ulcers, and inward Ulcers of the Bowels, Womb, &c. which owe their Ori-' ginal to corroding Humours, arifing from an Excess of acrid Serum: Such as are virulent, and emit a thin watery Humour, it brings to a due Concoction; and fuch as are s purulent and fordid, it cleanses and heals; for penetrating into the s fmallest Vessels, it attenuates, and fqueezes out the noxious Humours; dilutes, breaks, and precipitates the Salts of the Blood, which ouze through, and deform the Skin, and carries 'em out of the Body by ' Urine; and by external Application, washes away the Slough and Filth of the Ulcerous Exudations. But further, 'These Waters have been used with good Success in incipient Cancers, and schirrous Tumours of the Breafts, ban?

Breafts, and other Glandulous Parts. A Cancer is a terrible Malady, and ' when fixed and ulcerated, is generally incurable, by reason of its corrosive malign Venom serment-' ing in the Humours. When it is only a hard Tumour, or Node latent in the Glands of the Breast, without any Ulceration, This Water ' is of excellent Avail, and has been made Use of with great Success ; but where it is ulcerated, the Dane ger is greater, and the Cure much more difficult. But even here, these Waters are of Service to allay the ' Heat of the Humours, abate the 'Pain, and procure Ease; and I have been affured, they have fome-I times affected a Cure, even in Bleed e ingo Cancers. and a mid noving evad ?? The Mention of this, brings to my Mind, the Case of A Gentleman about fixty Years of Age, who came bither to drink the Waters; under this

my Mind, the Case of A Gentleman about sixty Years of Age, who came bither to drink the Waters; under this Illness, a Cancer had seized the Root of his Tougue, and made ghastly Ulcers in that spungy Part; the Physicians and Surgeons spent their Skill upon it some Time, but finding it too hard for them,

them, they sent him to Bristol to drink the Waters; there he continued about six Weeks, and sensibly grew worse; for the Cancer had eaten through one of the Blood-Vessels, and caus'd a large Evacuation of Blood, which much weakned him before he came to Holt, and continually gave him a great deal of Pain. At his coming to Holt, he had. a new Ulcer beginning in the Roof of bis Mouth; this the Water soon cleans'd and heal'd, and the gargling his Mouth with them, gave him such Ease under bis Tongue, that he would often say, "That there was fomething in these "Waters peculiarly adapted to his "Distemper; and that he verily be-" liev'd, if he had come hither, when he went to Bristol, it would " have given him a perfect Cure. A Cancer is at first only a meer 'Obstruction of the Glands, where the Matter stagnating, becomes gradually more and more acrid, pro-' duces pungent and gnawing Pains, and in Time grows corrofive, eating and mortifying the Parts around it. 'The Curre of it feems to confift in these three Intentions: First,

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' The forcing open the Obstructions.

Secondly, the correcting and evacu-

ating the hot, sharp Humours;

and, Thirdly, The preventing the Growth of the Tumour, and dif-

opoling it to Discussion; and all

these, this Mineral Water seems fit-

' ted to effect; for by its Deobstru-

ent, Diuretic, Balsamic, and Discus-

five Qualities, it breaks through

the Glandular Obstructions, dilutes,

and depurates the Blood, allays its

' Heat, and corrects its Acrimony;

foftens and fmooths the animal

Fluids, and at the same Time

keeps up the Vigour of Digestion,

to prepare better Juices.

. But, as in fuch calamitous Cases

we should call in all the Assistance

we can to quell fuch ftubborn Ma-' ladies, fo here the Patient, toge-

ther with the Water, may make

' Use of other Helps; may open an

' Issue in the Neighbouring Parts, to

' hinder the Afflux of Humours to

the diseased Place; must be care-

' ful to avoid fuch sharp, hot, high-

' feafon'd Meats and Drinks, as may

dispose the Blood to Acrimony;

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and use a moistening, cooling, and

thin Diet; abstain from violent

Motions, that may over-heat the

Blood, from immoderate Watch-

ings or Fastings; and never give

Way to any Transports of Passion;

to the Excesses of Anger, Grief,

or Care.

Good Esteem for the Cure of the Leprosy; a Disease that was for-

merly much more frequent in Eng-

' land, and about the Beginning of

the Norman Reign, spread all over

the Kingdom by Infection. It is either Hereditary, from a hot, sa-

' line Semen, or acquir'd by Salt

Meats, in particular Constitutions.

It is commonly diftinguish'd into

two Sorts, viz. the Elephantiasis,

and Lepra Gracorum, both pro-

ceeding from sharp Humours in

the Blood and Juices, thrown up-

on the Glands of the Skin, and

there crufting into hard Tubercles,

or covering the Body with dry

Scales, and a white Scurf.

Now these Waters are peculiarly

fitted for fuch Illnesses, as owe their

' Original

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Origine to sharp Humours, and accordingly have done fome re-· markable Cures in Leprous Cases. · For infinuating into the most re-· mote Stages of Circulation, it cleane fes the Execretory Ducts of the · Cutaneous Glands; and disfolving the acrid Salts, imbibes, and carries f them out of the Body, through the · Urinary Passages; for an insufficient Discharge by the Kidneys, is often a great Aggravation of this · Distemper. The Salts being by this · Means retain'd in the Blood, are thrown upon the Glands of the Skin, confequently Diluters and Diureticks must be of Service; and in this Cafe, I know not a better than the Holt Waters. But the Mischief is, sew People have Patience to wait a Cure: For where Diftempers are fix'd, and have gotten Head, or are Heres ditary, and interwoven with the Principles of Life, they are never, ' perhaps, to be totally overcome; at least, a Cure is not to be ex-

pected under a long Course of

· Alteratives; and this Water must

" work

work in the Way of an Alterative Medicine, i. e. by gradual and gentle Steps. And when a vicious Crasis of the Blood is thus to be corrected, it must take up a good deal of Time to have the Medicine duly mix'd with the whole Mass, * which must be done before a perfect Sure is to be expected. 'Tis vain to imagine, that a Malignity convey'd by flow Degrees into the Blood, should be extirpated on a fudden; or, a Distemper that has many Years been breeding in the Body, and perhaps arises from an · Hereditary Taint, should be car-' ried off in a little Time.

But as in all Cutaneous Foulnesses, it is necessary to wash the Part affected with the Waters, so in Leprous Cases it will be proper to bath the whole Body in them two or three times a Week; and if the Springs will supply a sufficient Quantity for Bathing, it is not to be doubted, but the Wells will afford frequent Instances of Cures of this Nature; and such as labour under this unhappy Malady, may hope,

hope, through the Bleffing of God, here to find Relief and Remedy. Another Case, wherein the Holt · Waters have been found to do good, is the Chronical Rheumatism; the Learned Dr. Sydenbam, you know, acquaints us that there is a Sort of Rheumatism that has a very near ' Resemblance to the Scurvy, which it imitates in its principal Symptoms, and requires almost the very fame Remedies; and therefore he fays, it may fitly be called the · Scorbutic Rheumatism. The Patient is afflicted with wandring Pains, which fometimes feize one Limb, fometimes another; and at other * times affaults only the internal · Parts, producing a Sickness which vanishes again as soon as the Pain returns to the outward Parts. It is attended with irregular Symptoms, but no Fever; and he obferves, that it chiefly affaults Women, and Men too, that are of a weak Constitution; and that they that have used the Peruvian Bark · long, and often, are obnoxious to this Disease. Now, as Holt Water F 2

is an excellent Antiscorbutic, it ' must be of singular Service in this f Illness, to attemperate the Blood; and by its attenuating and deter-· five Qualities, to break its Viscidities, open the Obstructions of the · fmall Veffels, thin the fizy Serum, · and fo fit it to pass off by Perspi-· ration and Urine. 'The next Illness that these Waters stand highly recommended in, are Sore Eyes, which are sometimes inflam'd with a hot briny Humour, * flowing from the Ciliary Glands, whose Execretory Channels open upon the Edges of the Lids. The · Office of these small Glands, is to feparate a mucous Substance, or Wax, which fastens the Eye-Lids while we fleep; but sometimes it · happens these Glands are vitiated, · and fecrete a sharp and acrid Juice, · which corrodes the Cartilages of the · Lids, and weakens the Eye, or emit their Mucus in fuch Quane tities, as to load the Lids with a

* dry Scurf, and in the Night-time

· feals them up, that they are not

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to be opened without Difficulty and Trouble.

. ' Now, tho' we find that when ' peccant Humours have found Vent by the Glands of the Eyes, it is ono eafy Matter to reach 'em, yet Experience has shewn us, that this Water has been able to do it when other Methods have fail'd; for with continued Use, it enters the small Vessels, where no other Medicines can come, and extends its Influence to the remotest Glands, aba forbs the Salts, and by its Diuretic Quality, precipitates them through the Kidneys; and outwardly applied, it cools the inflam'd Parts, 1 straitens their Orifices, and cleanses away the noxious Humours, or repels them into the circulating Fluid; where the Mineral Particles meet with them, and turn them out of the Body by their proper Out lets.

Another common Illness wherein this Water is of good Avail, is the Piles, and Fistula's thence arising; the Bleeding Piles indeed, need not be stop'd, whilst they discharge F3 'a gross

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a gross viscous Blood, and in such a moderate Quantity that the Pastient bears the Evacuation well; for they purge the Body of feculent, bad Blood, and preserve it from worfe Distempers: But if by Loss of Strength, Pain in the Back and Thighs, Failing of Appetite, and Deadness of Look, it appears that the Flux is too much, and ought to be moderated, what Re-· lief may not reasonably be expected from fuch an excellent Cleanfer, Dryer, and Aftringent, as the Holt Waters are? The Blind Piles are caus'd by a ' mucous, thick, stagnating Matter, obstructing the Vessels, and hinder-'ing the Circulation; fo that the Blood which descends to the Anus, by the inferior Mesenteric Artery, &c. inftead of being carried back by the Hamorrhoidal Veins, lodges in the inner Coats of the streight Gut, and there necessarily excites · Tumour, Inflammation, and Pain. · To remedy which, these Waters · feem well adapted, for they atte-· nuate, and diffolve the fizy Juices ot of

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of the Glands of the Restum; and having cleans'd away the viscid Matter, brace them up to their ' natural Tone; and by cooling the · Parts, and correcting the sharp · Serum, they abate the Inflammation, and allay the Pain. And even in Fistula's, they never fail to alleviate the Symptoms, feldom fail to effect a Cure, having sometimes ' brought such seasonable Relief, as ' hath not only carried off the Ille ness, but so effectually cleans'd and ftrengthen'd the Parts, as to prevent its Return. This Water has been found likewife of good Effect to carry off Tuber-· cles, and Flushings in the Face, and Itch-' ing in the Skin, by removing the Ob-· structions of the Viscera, and attem-· perating the ill Quality of the Blood. · By its Detersive, Absorbent, and Di-" uretic Quality, it cleanses the Reins and Ureters; blunts the Acrimony of the Humours, and removes Sand ' and Slime obstructing the Urinary · Paffages.

By its Cleansing and Astringency, it helps the Fluor Albus, occasion'd from

from a Relaxation and Weakness in

the Glands of the Uterus; from

" whence iffues a white, viscid Lympha,

which weakens the Sex very much,

' if it continues long upon 'em; for

' it mends the Digestions, attenuates

the fizy Juices, strengthens the Tone

of the Uterine Glands, and braces

and straitens their Orifices which are

' too lax and open, and thereby puts

a Stop to the Disorder.

'It has likewise been found of

good Avail in curing Old Gleets,

and strengthening and healing Weak-

nesses in the Seminal Vessels. In all

· Venereal Taints, there is an Acri-

mony in the Juices, which corrodes

the Vessels, weakens their Tone, and

occasions Ulcerations: This Sharp-

ness of the Humours, the Holt

· Waters have a peculiar Quality to

correct and remove, sheathing the

Pointed Angles of the acid Parti-

cles, and cleanfing and healing the

corroded Vessels, and retrieving their

natural Tone and Vigour.

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' Its Efficacy has been likewise ex-

' perienced in Loss of Appetite, and

bad Digestion, when the Glands in

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the Coat of the Stomach, which in a regular and healthful State, strain off only fuch Juices, and in fuch ' Proportion, as are useful for the Office of Digestion, when these Strainers are relaxed, and thereby fuffer an inordinate Plenty of vifcous, or sharp Humours to pass ' through their Channels, and empty · themselves into the Stomach, and filling it with crude and noxious ' Juices, hurt the Digestion; in such · Case, This Water is of signal Service, to cleanse the Inside of the · Stomach from the Foulness that • sticks to it, to close the Mouths of the Glands, brace the Fibres, and draw up the Membranes to their due Tensity, and thereby strengthen the Concoctive Powers. I was going to tell you, that · this Water is efteem'd good against the Gout, and in White Swellings, · Vertigo's, Heart-Burnings, &c. But I check myself, left you should think 'I propose to palm upon you an ' Empirical Medicine, and to make ' Holt Water good for every Thing: ' However, as it is a Diluent, Diu-

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retic, and Astringent, there is no

Doubt, but, if discreetly used, it

' may be of good Service in all

' these, and many other Cases.

But Experience is the best Proof,

and convinces more than any Me-

' thod of Reasoning; the Living

' Testimonies of what it has done,

' ere the most satisfactory Evidence

of what it can do. A long Detail

of these I might have transmitted

' to you, had due Care been taken

to have recorded the remarkable

· Cures in all the fore-mention'd Cases;

particularly, in Scurvies, Schrophu-

· la's, Leprosies, Piles, Cancers, &c.

But this not being considered in

' Time, a vast Number of these are

' irretrieveably loft: Such as my

' Memory can upon Recollection re-

cover, I shall some Time or other

' fend you an Account of; or, ra-

' ther, fince you have Thoughts of

making a Visit to Holt, I shall de-

fer it, till I have the Happiness of

feeing you here.

Thus, in Compliance with your

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Desire, I have open'd to you a

· Treasure of Natural Physick, provi-

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ded by the Author of Nature, to relieve the Miseries of Human Life; but in recommending it, have been insensibly drawn into an improper Length; so that I believe I have sufficiently tried your Patience, and given you Cause to wish you had been less inquisitive into its Nature and Virtues; but my last Page is full, and I shall detain you no longer, than whilst I repeat the Assurances I have often given you, that I am, with the utmost Sincerity,

Dear SIR,

Your very bumble, and most obedient Servant,

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LIST

Of Several

Eminent Cures, &c.

NUMB. I.

ley, near Froome, in Somersetshire, had the Head of his
Shoulder-Bone broke by a
Waggon-Wheel going over it, which
in Time grew Carious, and very
painful, with divers Ulcers; and
after five Years Suffering, he made
Use of this Water, and by drinking
it some time, and washing the Part
affected with it, a great Piece of the
round Head of the Shoulder-Bone,

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where it is joyned to the Scapula, came out, (and is now to be feen at the Wells, and has been viewed by most of the Water-Drinkers there.)
The Man is perfectly cured, and is in a Capacity to follow his Calling, and able to go through with most Parts of Husbandry-Work.

The Truth of this Case is witnessed by Mrs. Grace Harding, Keeper of Holt-Wells; who likewise attests the Truth of all the following Cases, to which her Name is Subscribed.

The Reverend Mr. Lewis, Curate of Holt, will attest the Truth of this Case, and many of the most remarkable Cures which follow in the subsequent List.

NUMB. II.

County of Somerset, had a sharp corrosive Humour in his Leg and Arm, supposed to be the King's-Evil, under which he languished sour Years, and could find no Cure from Surgery or Physick; but making Use of this Water, a large Part of the Bone (Radius)

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(Radius) of his Arm, in a short time came out, and he was perfectly cured in seven Weeks.

Witness,

Grace Harding.

NUMB. III.

HESE are to Certify, That I Anthony Rose, late of Bradford, in the County of Wilts, was seventeen Years forely afflicted with the King's-Evil; it was in my Right Arm, and, by my Friends Opinion, occasioned by the Small Pox. It happened when I was about four Years of Age, and I was at least three and twenty when cured, during which Time, I had the best Help, but to no Purpose, till the End of seventeen Years, when the Virtue of the Holt Waters being known to Mr. Onflow, an Apothecary, in our Town of Bradford; upon which Discovery, I applied my felf to them, and in about eighteen Months I was perfectly cured, without using any other Remedy, notwithwithstanding I had no less than eleven Wounds, some of which were standing from my first being afflicted with the Distemper. I had, during the Time I used the Water, no less than forty Bones, like those of a Fish's Back, work out of the Wounds. The Truth of all which I am ready to make Oath of, if any are so curious in their Enquiry. Written and Signed by the said

Anthony Rose.

Sarum, Octob. 28, 1729.

N.B. As the above Numb. III. is a Certificate of a very extraordinary Cure, it may not be improper to inform the Publick, that the said Anthony Rose is at this Time an Excise-Man in Salisbury, where he delivered me the aforesaid Certificate, in the Presence of the Honourable Captain William Herbert, Son of the Right Honourable the Earl of Pembroke, to whom he shew'd his Arm; and likewise gave a very particular Account of his Case. The Waters were chiefly drank at Bradford.

NUMB. IV.

Palmer Wheat, of Stanlake, Oxfordshire, about fifteen Years of Age, had the King's-Evil in his Foot in so desperate a manner, that it was concluded his Leg must have been Cut off; but being advised to make use of Holt Waters, he was brought thither in the Month of July, and after the Waters had clear'd off several Pieces of the Bones, and much putrid Flesh, it heal'd his Wounds, and made a thorough Cure upon him.

Witness, John Earle, of Holt, with whom he lodged.

Numb. V.

A Young Man from Scotland, aged about twenty, came to Holt with a great many Scrophulous Ulcers in one of his Legs and Feet, which was fo weakned and battered by it, that he could put no Stress upon it, but was forced to support himself with

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with a Cane and a Crutch. The Bone was foul, and therefore the Cure was longer a perfecting; but the Man had Patience, and tho' his Circumstances were so mean, that he subsisted wholly upon the Charity of good People, he persisted in drinking and using the Water, till it had heal'd all his Wounds, and so strengthen'd the Parts, that he could tread upon the Lame Foot as firmly as on the Sound; could run on Errands some Miles, and was able to do a Day's Labour, with as good Wages, as any Man. It was more than a Year and a half before the Cure was effected; and it is probable the Sores were longer in healing, by Reason of the Cold he underwent in the Winter, being forc'd to lodge in a Hay-Loft, upon a Bed of Straw, which gave him an Ague, that held him some Time, having no Fire but what the Humanity of a Farmer admitted him to.

Witness, Grace Harding.

This Case I receiv'd from the Rever-

NUMB. VI.

Annah Whitehead, late of Man-I gotsfield, near Bristol, now living at Holt, and about fourteen Years of Age, had been afflicted with the King's-Evil in one of her Feet for feveral Years; the Bone was foul and carious, and after the Trial of other Methods without Success, was at length fent to Holt, for the Benefit of the Waters; by drinking of which, and washing the affected Part therewith, in some Time three or four Splints of the Bone work'd off, and at last she was perfectly cured. Hereof I certify the Truth, this 19th Day of Fanuary, $17\frac{30}{31}$.

Hannah Whitehead.

NUMB. VII.

A Young Gentlewoman from London, about seventeen Years of Age, was afflicted with the King's-Evil in several Parts of the Body, and particularly in her Elbow, which had in a great measure deprived her of

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of the Use of her Arms. She came to Holt in August 1727, where the Waters work'd off three Pieces of the Bone, one of which was as big as a Crow's Egg; and at length, after about eighteen Months, heal'd her Wounds, and so strengthened her Arm, that she was able to carry a Weight of fifteen Pounds with Ease.

Witness, John Earl, Priscilla Earl, of Holt, with whom she lodged.

NUMB. VIII.

A NNE Boverie, of Phillips-out-Parish, near the City of Bristol, was forely afflicted with the King's-Evil for several Years, to that Degree, that she had a great many Ulcers broke out in several Places, and not capable of standing or walking without the Help of Crutches; but upon applying to the Holt Waters, and washing the Ulcers therewith, and drinking the Waters, was within six Months perfectly cured, and able [71]

able to perform the Business of a Dairy-Maid.

Anne Boverie.

May 12, 1730.

Attested by Hannah Haskins, Mary Franklin.

The Waters were used at Bristol.

NUMB. IX.

Bristol, had a Breaking out all over my Body, Face and Arms, with several Running Wounds, and could find no Relief, till I applied to the Hold Waters; and by drinking and bathing with it, received a perfect Cure in six Months. Note, my Case was so deplorable, that my Life was much despaired of.

George Peep, Jun.

Bristol, May 14, 1730.

N.B. The Case of this young Man when he was first brought to Holt, was very deplorable; the Humour had seiz'd him from Head to Foot, so that he was almost one continued Sore; and

it had weakned him to that Degree, that be could neither walk or stand upon his Fest, insomuch that the Keeper of the Wells had scarce Courage enough to undertake the Cure. However, she yielded to the Importunity of his Parents, and took bim under ber Care, and so diligently plied him with the Water, that in a few Months he was able to walk, run and ride, and in balf a Year bis Wounds were all heal'd. He grew brisk and active, and his Complexion look'd bale and clean; and be was sent Home perfettly cured. Indeed his Eyes, which were extremely weak, and almost closed up, when he came to Holt, did not recover their Tone quite so soon; but by following the Water some time longer, they were likewise strengthned and beal'd. and von and sold to

MUMB. X.

I Elinor Harding, of Siston, in the County of Gloucester, do Certify, That my Daughter, Mary Harding, was several Years forely afflicted with the King's-Evil, which broke out in her Face in a violent manner; but by

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by drinking and washing the Parts with Holt Waters, was perfectly cured in four Months.

Elinor Harding.

May 9, 1730.

N. B. The Waters were drank at her Home.

NUMB. XI.

JAMES Harkness, of the Parish of Hilfmorton, in the Stewartry of Annandale, within the Shire of Dumfries, in Scotland, was forely afflicted with the King's-Evil for many Years, having twenty-two sordid Ulcers in several Parts of his Body, and was perfectly cured by this Water.

Witness, Grace Harding.

NUMB. XII.

I Martha Parker, of Trowbridge, in the County of Wilts, do hereby Certify, That my Daughter, Martha Parker, was seiz'd with St. Anthony's Fire in her Shoulder, which turn'd to an Evil Humour; that notwithstand-

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ing all the Means us'd to heal it, it still continued upon her, till we applied to the Mineral Waters at Holt, which, through God's Blessing, in two Months, heal'd her Wounds, and perfectly restor'd her Health, which she has enjoyed to this Time, tho ten Years since she used the Waters. In Witness whereof, I have set my Hand, Jan. 25, 1730.

Martha Parker.

She began to drink the Waters in March, and drank them at Home.

Witness, Grace Harding.

Numb. XIII. vilisaling

Margaret Wood, of the Parish of Clifton, near the Hot-Well, Bristol, do Certify, That I was afflicted with the King's-Evil for above seven Years, in so desperate a manner, that it broke out all over my Body, Arms and Face; at length I applied myself to the Holt Waters, and with washing my Wounds, and drinking it, part-ly

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ly at Home, and partly on the Spot, was perfectly cured in five Months. Witness my Hand, May the 11th, 1730.

Margaret Wood.

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AR. Thomas Weare, a Person of VI very good Account in Bristol, was long afflicted with a Swelling in his Neck, which grew fo large, and fo very troublesome, that he was at last advised to have it ripen'd and launc'd, which was done accordingly; and then it run at fuch a Rate, as exhausted him to the last Degree; when a Person who was acquainted with the Holt Waters, ask'd him, If be bad never beard of the Cures done by the Waters at Holt? Upon this, he resolved to try those Waters, and went directly to Holt, where he found fuch Relief in a short Space of Time, by drinking and washing the Parts affected, that from a very declining and weak Condition, he returned Home, as he faid, Perfettly Well: Only he continued the Use of the Waters H 2

Waters some Time at Home, for the confirming his Health. This was some Time ago, and the Gentleman is now living in a good State of Health, at the Fort in Bristol.

N.B. This was the Gentleman who first advis'd Capt. Gustavus Scot to the Use of these Waters; who, from the Benefit he himself bath receiv'd from them, and the many great Cures he has seen wrought by them, being ever since a constant Visitant at Holt, is a great Advocate for the Waters.

NUMB. XV.

Parish of Westbury, Weaver, being afflicted with the King's-Evil for about two Years, was perfectly cured, by drinking the Holt Waters, and washing with the same, in about three Months Time.

Witness, John Hunt.

Feb. 16, 1729.

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NUMB. XVI.

I Elizabeth Patten, of Holt, now living near the Mineral Wells, was from my Birth fo forely afflicted with the King's-Evil, as would be offensive to mention the Particulars, having such prodigious Sores as produced vast Quantities of Matter. I was reduced thereby to such extreme Weakness, as there was no Hopes of any Cure; yet by drinking and washing my Wounds with Holt Water, I was perfectly recover'd, and have continued well ever since, being sistem Years ago. Witness my Hand,

Elizabeth Patten.

Holt, Oct. 25, 1729. Witness, Grace Harding.

N.B. This was the Case that first rais'd the Reputation of the Wells. Vid. pag. 8.

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NUMB. XVII.

Rs. Keate, of Abington, had a Scrophulous Humour in her Foot of nine Years standing, and was cured by this Water.

Witness, Grace Harding.

NUMB. XVIII.

Betty Holly, of the Parish of Chippenham, in the County of Wilts,
being from my Infancy afflicted with
the King's-Evil, by drinking the Holt
Water, and washing with the same,
was perefectly cured. Witness my
Hand,

Betty Holly.

Jan. 23, 1729.

NUMB. XIX.

It Is is to Certify, That my Sister, Rebecca Pearse, of Broughton-Gifford, in Wiltshire, had about eighteen Months since, the King's-Evil in so violent a Degree, that she had seven

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feven large running Ulcers in one of her Thighs, of two Years standing, and was perfectly cured by drinking and washing the Sores with Holt Water, during the Space of about six Months. Witness my Hand,

Anne Pearse.

Holt, Oct. 25, 1729.

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mour in her Leg, for above twenty

JOHN Walter, of Litton, in the County of Somerset, aged about twenty eight Years, was afflicted with a Swelling in his Knee, and a running Ulcer in his Groin of several Years standing, came to Holt in the Month of October, and received a perfect Cure in two Months.

Witness, Grace Harding, and John Earl, of Holt, with whom he lodged.

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Holt, March 24, 17291

THIS is to leave, to inform any that may come to this Place, that my Wife was very much afflicted with an Ulcerous and Scropbulous Humour in her Leg, for above twenty Years, and is now perfectly cured by this Water; which I and my Wife do Certify by our Hands,

Avon Cross, Mary Cross, of Sherbourn, in the County of Dorset.

N.B. The above Humour was occafioned by the Bite of a Mad Dog.

NUMB. XXII, and XXIII.

WIE John and Walter Smith, Brothers, of the Parish of Warminster, in the County of Wilts, do hereby Certify, That after our being most miserably afflicted with the King's-Evil, insomuch that we broke out in several Parts of our Bodies for above three three Years, we applied our selves to the Use of the Holt Waters for almost two Summers, and came Home perfectly cured, and sound, and do continue so. Witness our Hands this 17th of Feb. 1729.

John Smith,
Walter Smith.

N. B. This Certificate came to me Sign'd likewise by Mr. Ed. and Christopher Cockey, of Warminster, as Witnesses.

NUMB. XXIV.

Laycock, in the County of Wilts, near Chippenham, was forely afflicted with the King's-Evil for several Years; but by drinking the Holt Waters, and washing the afflicted Part with them, was perfectly cured in three Months. Witness my Hand, Jan. 23, 1729.

Hearly Williams.

Elizabeth Truman.

NUMB. XXV.

Feb. 18, 1729.

Parish of Westbury, in the County of Wilts, after having been violently bad of the King's-Evil for three Years, applied myself to the Use of the Holt Waters, and was perfectly Sound in six Months.

Sarab Ford.

NUMB. XXVI.

Malmsbury, Oct. 4, 1724.

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I Thank God that I have the Satiffaction of acquainting you, and all Persons that may enquire, that my Daughter, Alice Williams, is perfectly cured of the several Wounds in her Hand, Arms, Side, and Foot, (by God's Blessing) and the Means of your Well-Water, altho' of long standing.

Your humble Servant,
Henry Williams.

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This is the Copy of a Letter sent. Mrs. Grace Harding, the Keeper of the Wells.

NUMB. XXVII.

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I Thomas Bartley, of the Parish of North-Bradley, in the County of Wilts, do Certify, That my Sister, Jane Bartley, of the Parish aforesaid, was two Years afflicted with the King's-Evil, and by making use of the Holt Waters, was perfectly healed in six Months. Witness my Hand,

Thomas Bartley.

NUMB. XXVIII.

Aug. 22, 1730.

Madam,

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I Came safe to ---- where I found all Friends well, and greatly surprized to see the good Effect of the Waters. Since I left Holt, I have mended every Day so fast, that you would think it impossible: I have now

no more than two Wounds; they are in my Legs, and will heal very soon. My Physician approves mightily of the Waters, and tells me there is nothing in the World could do me more Good, and desires me not to neglect drinking them in the Fall and Spring, at farthest.

N. B. The above, is Part of a Letter to Mrs. Mitchel, of Holt, from a Person who was at Holt seven Weeks; and when first came, had many Wounds, besides being broke out in many Parts of the Body.

NUMB. XXIX.

Phomas Cater, of Holt, had three putrid, running Ulcers, supposed to be Scrophulous, which stunk so abominably, that his Neighbours could not bear his coming near them, for the noisom Smell. His Circumstances were so mean, that he could not procure any Help from Physicians or Surgeons; so he applied to this Remedy, which Nature's Hand had provided, and in some Time it cleans'd and heal'd his Wounds, and restor'd him to a sound

and healthy Constitution. After this, he married, and had several Children, who were maintained by his Labour.

Witness, Grace Harding.

This Case I receiv'd from the Reverend Mr. Lewis of Holt.

NUMB. XXX.

A Child about seven Years of Age, had several Wounds in her Legs, supposed to be Scrophulous, which her Parents had endeavoured to get cured by Surgery and Physick, but in vain; whereupon she was brought to Holt, and by a diligent Use and Application of the Water, her Sores were all heal'd in about six Weeks.

The Truth of this is attested by Grace Sartain, of Holt, with whom she lodged.

NUMB. XXXI.

CHarity Fowles, of Litton, near Wells, in Somersetshire, about fourteen Years of Age, had a scropbulous Humour

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mour in her Eyes and Neck, and under the lower Jaws, where it had corroded the Glands, and made feveral Wounds, and had been upon her for four Years, till coming to Holt, Anno 1729, she was heal'd of her Wounds by the sole Use of the Waters, in about six Months.

Witness, Anne Sartain, of Holt, Widow, with whom she lodged.

NUMB. XXXII.

of Iron-Acton, in Gloucestershire, had a grievous Swelling in his
Lips, where a scrophulous Humour had
infected the Glands, and seem'd to
threaten an Ulceration; but upon applying to the Holt Waters, he was
quickly reliev'd, and in ten Weeks
Time was perfectly cured.

Witness, John Maynard, of Holt, with whom he lodged.

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NUMB. XXXIII

Woman of Frampton-Cotterel, in the County of Gloucester, about twenty five Years of Age, came to Holt about three Years ago in a lamentable Condition, with very large scropbulous Wounds in her Head and Neck: She had laboured under the Affliction for five Years, and could find no Remedy, till applying hersfelly cured by them, and her Wounds heal'd in about eleven Weeks. The Truth hereof is attested by

Grace Harding, Keeper of the Maynard, and Francis Maynard, and Francis Maynard, and Holtonia and a to total and base and the many and the same and t

NUMB. XXXIV.

Young Woman about twentyfive Years of Age, had the
King's-Evil in her Leg, just above
the Ancle, and in one of her Toes,
for four or five Years; to remedy
which, after she had tried many other
I 2 Means,

Means, to no Purpose, she had recourse to the Holt Waters, which she drank at Home for some Time; and then coming to Holt, made use of it about fix Months, and went away perfectly cured. A the error wit your

Witness, Elizabeth Pretty, of Holt, with whom the lodged.

NUMB. XXXV.

Richard Broad, of Winsley, in the Parish of Bradford, in the County of Wilts, do hereby Certify, That my Daughter had been afflicted with the King's-Evil in her Neck and Thighs for two Years, and was thoroughly cured by the Holt Waters in one Quarter of a Year, which she began to drink about Michaelmas, and drank them at Home. I HOW I

> Witness my Hand, this 26th Day of Jan. An. Dom. 1730.

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four or five Years; to remedy which, after the had tried many other SAMUN IS NUME.

NUMB. XXXVI.

Homas ————, Servant to Sir William Codarington, Bart. having an old Ulcer in his Leg of many Years standing, came to Holt in April 1730, and received a perfect Cure in fix Weeks.

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Witness, William Mole, of Holt, with whom he lodged.

Numb. XXXVII.

Holt, Oct. 26, 1730.

William Hill was fent down to Holt in March last, by the Recommendation of Dr. Barraby, he being at that Time Servant to the Lady Hicks, at London. He was, when sent down, afflicted with a Leprosy, having a white Scurf all over his Head, Breast, 'Arms and Legs; but is this Day returning to London, perfectly well, and clear from any Scurf: Which great Cure, under God, is intirely owing to the Holt Waters,

(particularly that from the Great Nofe-Pump.) He hopes this publick Notice may be of Service to others, and humbly desires the Lady Hicks, and Dr. Barraby, to accept of his publick Thanks for their Fayour. Witness my Hand, or omas sembual

at one Delreg a Lovie William Hill.

NUMB. XXXVIII.

Child of Edward Edwins, of the Devizes, in the County of Wilts, was cured of a Leprosy by this Water. Witness, Grace Harding.

NUMB. XXXIX.

OHN Bricker, Son of John Bricker, late of Corsbam, in the County of Wilts, Certifies, That his faid Father was afflicted with a Leprofy for several Years; but, after he drank the Mineral Waters at Holt, and washed therewith, the Humours ceased. Witness my Hand, this 11th Day of November, 1729. John Bricker.

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NUMB. XL.

I fane Stevens, of Holt, was broke out all over my Body in large Patches, which rose to a white Scurf; under which, the Flesh appear'd very red and angry, and was so excedingly troublesome by its burning, smarting and itching, that I was very much deprived of Sleep, but was intirely cured in a few Months by Holt Waters.

Witness, Jane Stevens.

NUMB. XLI.

A Gentlewoman in Wiltshire, came to Holt, with a Leprosy all over her Face; but by drinking and washing with the Holt Waters, was perfectly cured in five Weeks.

This from Captain Gustavus Scot, who lodged in the same House.

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NUMB. XLII.

A Young Gentleman affected with an Hereditary Leprofy, which appear'd all over him in Blotches, of the Bigness of Half-a-Crown, cover'd with a brownish Scurf, went to Holt, and, by drinking the Waters there, in two Months went away perfectly cured.

This I had from George Penrud-dock, of Broad-Chalk, Wilts, Esq;

NUMB. XLIII.

Sarum, Nov. 23, 1730.

Mr. Albert, late Vicar of Sarum, had a white Scurf, which came over his Arms, Legs and Face in so violent a Degree, that he was for three Weeks blind with it; but was cured this last Summer by drinking the Hott Waters.

Witness, Essex Albert.

NUMB. XLIV.

Young Woman, aged about twenty - one Years, living at Winchester, was afflicted with a Leprosy all over her Body, which not yielding to other Methods of Relief, she was sent to Holt, where, by the sole Use of the Waters, she was intirely freed from that unhappy Malady, being perfectly cured in about seventeen Weeks.

Witness, Grace Harding, Keeper of the Wells, and Francis Maynard, of Holt.

NUMB. XLV.

A NNE Orchard, of the Devizes, in the County of Wilts, about fifteen Years of Age, had a Leprofy from her Birth, over her whole Body, her Bed every Morning being cover'd with Leprous Scales, and could find no Cure till she came to Holt, where she soon found Relief, and was heal'd of her Distemper in six Months.

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Witness, John Earl, Priscilla Earl, of Holt.

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NUMB. XLVI.

Otwithstanding it is a conceiv'd Opinion that Cancers are incurable, yet the following Evidence can't but convince, that these Waters have effected Cures, (tho' perhaps a perfect Cure is not always to be depended on in this Particular) as is the Cafe of Mrs. Confett, who lodges at Mrs. Burley's, a Sword-Cutler, near Grays-Inn-Gate, in Holborn, and has had for several Years, a Cancer in her Breast; and being advised to the Use of the Holt-Waters, the has receiv'd great Benefit from them: For they have, in great measure, ever since August, 1728, prevented the Progress of the Humour, and have afforded her much Ease, she being now sensible of an additional Pain, if the Waters be not constantly applied; and they have entirely carry'd off a Heat in her Blood, to which the was subject, when the began to drink these Waters. And it may reasonably be supposed, that The would have found greater Benefit, (notwithstanding the Disadvantage of an

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an advanc'd Age) if not an entire Cure, could she have been prevail'd on to have drank the usual Quantity, or a larger Quantity, by reducing part of it by Evaporation; instead of which, she has never drank more than One Half of the prescrib'd Quantity, viz. a Pint and a Half a Day.

I likewise knew another Case, of a Lady that was very near her End, from a Cancerous Breast, yet sound great Ease from the Use of these Waters, tho applied too late, to hope for further Benesit.

Another Instance of the like Nature, may be found, fol. 45, mention'd by the Reverend Mr. Lewis, of Holt.

N.B. Both these Persons drank the Waters in London.

NUMB. XLVII.

the Swelling broke in ten Weeks

I fane White, of Hanham, in the Parish of Bitton, in the County of Gloucesten, do Certify, That I had a Cancer

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Cancer in my Breast, which broke in several Places, and could find no Relief; at length I applied myself to drink, and wash the Wounds with Holt Water, which perfectly cured me in about two Months, and I continue perfectly well, it being six Years since. Witness my Hand,

Jane White.

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A NNE Powel, of Bradford, in the County of Wilts, about feven or eight Years ago, was troubled with a fore Breast; it was, in the Opinion of the Physicians, a Cancerous Humour, that came with a hard Bunch, supposed to be the Effects of a Cold: By the Advice of Doctors, she made several Applications to it; the Swelling broke in ten Weeks Time; after which, it continued running very much; but, upon drinking the Holt Waters, and applying a wet Cloth dipp'd in them, she found amazing Relief in twenty-four Hours, and

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and was in a few Days perfectly recovered. Witness my Hand,

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N.B. The Waters were used at Home.

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CAtharine Berryman, of Bifly, in the County of Gloucester, having had a very sore Breast for two Years, which she apprehended to proceed from a Cancerous Humour, received a great Benefit from the Holt Waters, her Breast being perfectly heal'd in about six Weeks. Witness,

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ni Witness, Grace Harding. 19000 , 9000

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A Young Woman, between twenty and thirty Years of Age, came to Holt with an incipient Cancer in her Breast; the Cancerous Node was as large as a Pullet's Egg, and to the Feeling, hard, like a Bone, and gave

gave her from Time to Time sharp pricking Pains, as if pierced by Needles; but by drinking the Holt Waters, and often bathing her Breast with it warm, and gently rubbing it with her Hand on the diseased Part, the hard Lump soon began to lessen; and by the continued Use and Application of the Water, at length intirely disappear'd.

This Case I had from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.

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A about eighteen Years of Age, about eighteen Years of Age, came to Holt with an Ozana in his Nose, supposed to be Cancerous, in which the Mucus being corrosive, had damaged the Arches of the Nostrils, but had not seiz'd the upper Cartilage; his Face look'd siery about the Cheeks and Eyes, emitting sometimes a briny Humour, and at other times cover'd with Scales. It had been upon him eight Years, and his Friends had, with great Expence, tried many other

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other Methods of Cure, without Succefs, till they had fent him to Holt, where the Waters made a perfect Cure upon him.

This Case I had from the Reverend Mr. Lewis. vd Louis

NUMB. LII.

A Young Man from Bristol, about fixteen Years of Age, came to Holt with a Cancerous Humour in his Lips and Mouth, which were almost closed up with it; he diligently set himself to the Use of the Waters, applying outwardly Cloths dipp'd therein; and often renewing them, and continually from Time to Time sipping small Draughts of the Water, till in a short Time he found Relief, and in a few Months a perfect Cure.

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NUMB. LIII.

Lizabeth Roberts, of Kings-Wood, near Bristol, was afflicted with the Scurvy three Years, and was perfectly cured by this Water.

Witness, Grace Harding.

N. B. The Waters were used at Home.

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Homas Elliot, of Turly, in the County of Wilts, was cured of the Scurvy by this Water.

Witness, Grace Harding.

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Grantham, Inhabitant of the City of Winchester, in the Parish of St. Thomas, being greatly afflicted with the Scurvy, has received much Benefit by drinking the Holt Waters; whereas, after several Years Trial, she

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she could receive no such Cure from Physick. In Testimony whereof, we subscribe our Names,

St. Thomas, in Winchester.-John Pardue, Church-Warden.

NUMB. LVI.

A Child about five Years of Age, much afflicted with a Scorbutick. Humour over his whole Body, which had been upon him from his Infancy, being supposed to arrive from a diftempered Nurse, was perfectly heal'd by drinking and washing with the Holt Waters, in about three Months.

Witness, Grace Sartain, of Holt.

NUMB. LVII.

A NNE Stanbrook, of Melksham, near Holt, now living at Devizes, aged about thirty, was grievously afficted with the Scurvy all over her K3 Headi

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Head and Face, where it had feiz'd her Eyes, and much weakned her Sight. She came to Holt, and drank and washed with the Waters about five Months, and went away perfectly cured, and continues free from the Illness which brought her hither.

Witness, John Earl, and Priscilla Earl, of Holt.

NUMB. LVIII.

A Young Gentlewoman of London, about eighteen Years of Age, was afflicted with a Scorbutic Humour all over her Hands, and some Part of her Body, came to Holt in January about sour Years ago, and by drinking and washing with the Water, was cured in about nine Months.

Witness, Elizabeth Sparkes, of Holt, with whom she lodged.

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NUMB. LIX.

Gentlewoman between twenty and thirty Years of Age, being feverely afflicted with the Scurvy all over her Body, came to Holt for the Benefit of the Waters, in April 1727, and received a perfect Cure in five Months.

> Witness, Elizabeth Sparkes, of Holt.

NUMB. LX.

Daniel Rolf, Blacksmith, of the 1 Parish of Larkington, near Badmington, in the County of Wilts, was afflicted with a violent Humour, which eat up all my Skin from the Hip, to the Top of my Toes. I was as raw as a flea'd Sheep; I drank and wash'd myself with the Holt Waters, which made me whole in three Weeks, andperfect in feven.

Oct. 2, 1724. Daniel Rolf.

N. B. This Man, who was about fifty Years of Age, had been afflicted with

with that sharp, corrosive Humour, which strip'd him of his Skin for above a Year and a balf before he came to Holt; nor could be by all the Methods of Surgery or Physick, recover a new Skin on his Thighs, Legs and Feet. He tried the Bath to no Purpose, and when he came to Holt, the Waters at first seem'd to make him worse, and be was so much disorder'd by them, that be began to dispair of finding Relief here; but being encourag'd to go on, by bearing that the Waters did often disorder such as bad any violent, sharp Humours in their Blood, before it cured 'em, be persisted in the Use of it, and, within a Month, had a new Skin from bis Hip downwards; and in less than two Months, set the Bells a ringing for Joy that he was perfettly whole.

Witness, Grace Harding.

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IN the Year 1729, May 3. a young Man about thirty Years of Age, came to Holt, recommended to the Waters by a Physician at the Bath. He

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He had an exceeding sharp Humour in his Blood, which on a fudden would arise in Blisters on his Skin, about the Bigness of a Pea, and increase, and fill in a few Hours, to the Largeness of an Egg; and then being discharged, the Place became -raw, fore, and very painful. Ten, and sometimes more of these Blisters, would arise in twenty-four Hours, and the Distress it brought him under was so great, and his Pains so violent, before he came to Holt, that he often wish'd Death might give him a Discharge, despairing of any Relief by Human Means, having been twice. Salivated without any Benefit; but applying to these Waters, they quickly destroy'd the Acrimony of the Humours, and freed him from this terrible Complaint in seventeen Weeks. The Truth of this is attested by

Jeremiah Godwyn, and Prifcilla Godwyn, with whom he lodged.

This I received from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.

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NUMB. LXII.

A Clergyman, whom I met at Holt, in November last, in Company with Edward Liste of Moyles-Court, Esq; and the Reverend Mr. Lewis of Holt, assured me, that his Wife having had a violent Humour in her Face, was perfectly cured by these Waters, and that her chief Method of drinking the Waters, was by making her Tea with them.

Drank at Home.

NUMB. LXIII.

A NNE Armstrong, in Bull-Yard, Windmil-Street, had her Hands and Arms cover'd by small Blisters, which had rose in great Quantities, and occasion'd, as was the Opinion of Sir John Shadwell, M.D. (by whom she was recommended to me, as an Object of Charity) by a Surfeit in the Blood, was cured by six Bottles of the Holt Waters, taking Assistant Medicines with them.

N. B. The

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N. B. The Water was drank in London, from Harris's Well.

ned MUMB. LXIV.

A Gentleman who was much troubl'd with large Pimples on his Face, which often became white-headed, was cured by the Holt Waters.

of my own, who drank the Waters in London, from the New Well.

NUMB. LXV.

A Gentleman between thirty and forty Years of Age, afflicted with a sharp Humour in his Face, which look'd red and fiery, and was cover'd with Scales, was cured by the Holt Waters in about three Months.

Witness, Mary Kendal, of Holt.

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NUMB. LXVI.

Mrs. Harding,

I Sent last Summer one of the best Friends I had, to Holt; he came a Journey of above fourscore Miles: His Illness was the Piles, of which he was very near Death last Year; and finding a Tendency to them again, came to your Waters, which has done him vast Good. I never saw him better in my Life.

N. B. This is a Paragraph of a Letter to Mrs. Harding, the Keeper

of the Wells.

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A Certain Person who had been forely afflicted with the Piles for several Years, came to Holt, and drank the Waters one Summer, was perfectly cured, and has continued well ever since, which is some Years.

N.B. The Name of this Person, and some others, are designedly conceal'd; I not having their Consent for making them publick.

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NUMB. LXVIII, and LXIX.

I John Earle, of Holt, being troubled with Piles three Years, to such a Degree that I was uneasy even in my Bed, but being advised to drink the Holt Waters by a Gentleman that had received great Benefit in the like Case, was perfectly cured in six Weeks. Witness my Hand,

John Earle.

NUMB. LXX.

Andrew Beverstock, of Holt, being much afflicted with the Piles, was cured by the Holt Water in a Fortnight, from the Great-Nose-Pump. Witness my Hand this 25th of Jan. 1730.

Andrew Beverstock.

NUMB. LXXI.

I Edward Hathway, in the Parish of Puckle-Church, in the County of Gloucester, do Certify, That my Son, Robert Hathway, being afflicted with L

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an Inflammation in his Eyes for near twelve Years, so that he despair'd of his Sight, did, upon Application to the Holt Water, within three Months, receive a perfect Cure.

Edward Hathway.

May 9, 1730.

NUMB. LXXII.

in the County of Wilts, had been troubled with fore Eyes eleven Years, and was cured by this Water in fix Months.

Witness, Grace Harding.

NUMB. LXXIII.

I George Gould, Sen. of the Parish of Chippenham, in the County of Wilts, had a most fiery hot Inflammation over all my Face, which at length settled in my Nose; but by washing my Nose with the Holt Waters, and drinking it for some time at Home, I was perfectly cured, and am free from the least

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least Appearance of it. Witness my Hand, Jan. 23, 1729.

George Gould.

NUMB. LXXIV, and LXXV.

Bristol, do hereby Certify, That having two Children very much afflicted with Sore Eyes, caused by a sharp Rheum, I was advised to make use of the Holt Waters, by washing their Eyes with it, and, to my great Satisfaction, it has perfectly recovered them, and in a very short Time. And, to do Justice to the said Waters, and recommend the Use of them to any Person who is diseased in the same manner, I give this under my Hand, this 29th Day of January, A. D. 1730.

John Barrat.

The above Certificate is an Instance of Generosity, as well as Justice to the Holt Waters, Mr. Barrat being concerned in the New Springs at Bristol.

N. B. These Waters were used at Bristol.

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NUMB. LXXVI.

That my Daughter, Anne Weston, of the Parish and County above-mentioned, was sorely afflicted with a siery, hot Humour, which no Medicines could stop; at length, being advised to wash with, and drink the Holt Waters, she was perfectly cured by the same. Witness my Hand,

John Weston.

Jan. 23, 1729.

NUMB. LXXVII.

Samuel Pill, near St. Peter's Pump, in the City of Bristol, had lately a violent Humour in both his Eyes, which occasioned his being for some time almost blind; but, upon drinking, and applying Holt Water to his Eyes, he was perfectly cured in about a Week's Time. Witness my Hand, this Tenth Day of March, 1729.

Samuel Pill.

The Water was drank at Briftol.

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NUMB. LXXVIII.

I Elizabeth Plane, Glazier, near the Pithay-Gate, in the City of Bristol, do hereby Certify, That having a Sore Eye, which was judged to be a Fistula, wash'd my Eye with Holt Water, and in a Fortnight's Time was perfectly cured.

Elizabeth Plane.

Briftol, March 12, 1729.

The Water was used at Bristol.

NUMB. LXXIX.

A Lady of Noble Birth, being in an advanc'd Age, was severely punish'd with Sore Eyes, the Mucus excreted from the Ciliary Glands being so plentiful and glutinous, that at Night her Eyes were sealed up with it, and it cost a good deal of Time and Trouble every Morning to get them open. She applied, on this Occasion, to a Physician of good Skill and Judgment, who, after the Trial of other Methods, to no Pur-

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pose, directed her to the Use of the Holt Water, which effected the Cure.

This I received from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.

NUMB. LXXX.

Child, about three Years of Age, living at Trowbridge, in the County of Wilts, was sent to Holt, with a violent Humour fettled in her Eyes, which had almost depriv'd her of Sight, and was cured in fix Weeks.

Witness, John Earl, of Holt.

NUMB. LXXXI.

William Evens, of Abington, in the County of Berks, was for several Years afflicted with a Sore Leg, occasioned by a Sprain, in so desperate a manner, that I could find no Relief; at length I applied myself to the Holt Waters, and by drinking and washing with the same for about eight Months, was perfectly cured. Witness my Hand,

Feb. 20, 1739. William Evens.

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NUMB. LXXXII.

I John Barnet, Sadler, near the Pithay-Gate, in the City of Bristol, do hereby Testify, That having a very bad Sore Leg, with a great Inslammation, which occasioned full thirty running Wounds, was, by drinking the Holt Waters, and washing the Wounds with the same, perfectly cured in about three Months. Witness my Hand,

John Barnet.

May 12, 1729.

N. B. He drank it at Bristol.

NUMB. LXXXIII.

HIS is to Certify, That I Margaret Moon, of the Parish of Melksham, in the County of Wilts, after being some Time sorely afflicted with an Ulcer in my Leg, by drinking the Holt Water, and bathing my Leg with the same, I was perfectly cured.

Witness, Margaret Moon.

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NUMB. LXXXIV.

Race Pockeridge, of Road, in the County of Somerset, was cured of an Old Ulcer in her Leg, of twenty-fix Years standing, by this Water.

Witness, Grace Harding.

NUMB. LXXXV.

Race May, of Warley, near Bath, was cured of an Old Ulcer in her Leg by this Water.

Witness, Grace Harding.

N. B. The Waters were drank at Home.

NUMB. LXXXVI.

Henry Jones, of Bristol, do hereby Testify, That my Son was severely afflicted with a Sore Leg, and running Sores all over his Body; his Leg was so extreme bad, it must have been Cut off, but by applying Holt Water to the

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the Wounds, and drinking the same, was perfectly cured in twelve Months. Witness my Hand this 12th Day of March, 1729.

Henry Jones, Basket-Maker, in the Pithay-Gate.

It was drank at Bristol.

NUMB. LXXXVII.

JOHN May, of Warley, near Bath, was cured of Sore Legs by this Water.

Witness, Grace Harding.

The Water was used at Home.

NUMB. LXXXVIII.

THE Wife of Benjamin Stevens, of Trowbridge, in the County of Wilts, was cured by this Water of an Old Ulcer.

Witness, Grace Harding.

NUMB. LXXXIX.

I ARY Amor, of Brombam, in the County of Wilts, was cured of Sore Legs by this Water.

Witness, Grace Harding.

N. B. The Waters were drank at Home.

NUMB. XC.

Rs. Elizabeth Orchard, of Devizes, was cured of two Ulcers in her Legs, of several Years standing, by this Water.

NUMB. XCI.

Lizabeth Ashman, of North-Bradley, in the County of Wilts, was cured of a large, foul Ulcer upon her Ancle, of eight Years standing, by this Water.

NUMB. XCII.

R Ichard Cole, of Spaxton, in the County of Somerset, was cured of five large Ulcers in his Legs, of almost

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almost four Years standing, by this Water.

N. B. These three last Cases were published, and attested by Mr. Harris, Apothecary, of Bradford; and the Cures were performed by the Well, commonly call'd Harris's Well.

NUMB. XCIII.

A Servant of Thomas Archer, of Hele, Esq; Groom-Porter, was cured of a Sore Leg of long Continuance, in a few Weeks, by the Holt Waters, last Summer, 1730.

NUMB. XCIV.

A Clergyman, who had fore Legs, and had drank Mineral Waters for twenty-one Years, without any considerable Benefit, was perfectly cured in fix Weeks by the Holt Waters, this last Summer, 1730.

This I received from Mrs. Mitchel of Holt, and several others, to whom he acknowledged the Cure.

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NUMB. XCV.

Holt, Plumber, had a Sore Leg for eight Years, which could not be heal'd by any outward Application; but after having made Use of Holt Water for some Time, standing about two or three Hours in the New-Well, in order to solder the Pump, the Plaister sell off the next Day, and the Wound was perfectly heal'd.

Witness, Thomas Sartain, of Holt.

NUMB. XCVI.

ARY Fudge, of Crockbam-Pill, below Bristol, about fifty Years of Age, had an Ulcer for many Years in her Ancle, upon the Joint, supposed to owe its Rise to the Itch not well cured, came to Holt in the Month of August, and having made use of the Waters about ten Months, went away perfectly cured.

Witness, Francis Earl, of Holt.

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NUMB. XCVII.

A Certain Gentleman, who defires his Name may be conceal'd, had for two Years a stubborn Gleet, which nothing could stop, till he was advised to drink the Holt Waters, from which he found immediate Benefit, and was perfectly cured in five Weeks. This was effected by the Water from the New Well.

N.B. The Waters were drank in London: The Truth of this I can attest, the Person being my particular Acquaintance. I likewise know several other Instances of the like Nature; but Names in these Cases are not to be expected.

NUMB. XCVIII, and XCIX.

A Captain of a Ship, living at Bristol, was cured of a Fistula in Ano, after three times Cutting, by this Water.

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The Truth of this Case is attested by Mr. John Baker, living at Bristol, in Temple-Street, who owns that he has likewise receiv'd great Benefit himself by the Holt Waters.

Drank by both Parties at Bristol.

NUMB. C.

A Gentlewoman, who had been every Winter troubled with Chilblains, to so great a Degree that she could not walk without much Pain, was perfectly cured by drinking and washing the affected Parts with Holt Waters, and has never since been troubled with them to any Degree.

This Case I receiv'd from Mrs. Mitches, of Holt, the Person being her Acquaintance, and to whom she sent the Water, which was drank at a Distance from Holt.

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Child, from Kington St. Michael's, in the County of Wilts, was, after a Fever, feized with violent Pains in one Side of his Belly, where the Febrile Matter was collected into a large Swelling, which obliged his Friends to apply to a Surgeon for Help. The Tumour being opened, discharged a great Quantity of foul, purulent Matter, and continued running for a long Time, no outward Applications availing to stop it. After many fuccessless Trials of other Means, they made use of Holt Water, which, in a short Time, cleansed and healed the Wound, and fafely effected the Cure. This was done by the Great Nose-Pump.

Witness, Grace Harding.

This I had from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.

This I received from the Revierend

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NUMB. CII.

Mary Jordan, of Holi, was troubled with a grievous Running Ulcer in one of my Legs, which came upon me after a Fever, and continued feveral Years, and I could find no Cure from any outward Applications, till having Recourse to the Waters at Holt, I found Relief, and was in some Time perfectly well. Witness my Hand this 25th Day of January, Mary Jordan.

NUMB. CIII.

Gentlewoman between thirty and forty Years of Age, was forely afflicted with a Scal'd Head, which would yield to no Medical Prescriptions; but having Recourse to these Waters, they, in some Time, clear'd away the white Scurf, and freed her from this unhappy Malady.

This. I receiv'd from the Reverend Mr. Lewis, which is the only Case of those

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those receiv'd from him, which is not of his own Knowledge; this being communicated to him by a Person of unquestionable Veracity.

NUMB. CIV.

Person in London, much afflicted I with the Colick, after having tried various Medicines to no Purpose, was immediately relieved by the Holt Waters, and continues well, being before much subject to it.

I received this Account from the Reverend Mr. Webster, Curate of St. Dunstan's, Fleet-Street, and the Waters were drank in London.

NUMB. CV.

HE like Case, as the preceding one, I had from ----Alexander, Esq; of Doctors Commons.

N. B. The Waters were drank in London.

NUMB. CVI.

A Person who had suffered much by the Relicts of the Venereal Disease, received great Benefit by these Waters.

This Account I had from the Party.

NUMB. CVII.

Vis Cottell, of Monkton-Farleigh, in the County of Wilts, had a very Sore Leg, swell'd to a prodigious Bigness, which was, in all Appearance, the Effect of a Dropfy; it was very painful, and a continual Humour running from it, which was thought to be incurable; but by two Months drinking the Holt Waters, without any other Means, or Application whatfoever, she was perfectly recovered of the Diforder, with all its Symptoms, and her Leg restored to be as found and strong as ever, and continued so for many Years, to the Day of her Death; which I, her Hufband, declare to be a true Account. Witness my Hand, John Cottell.

Witness, Grace Harding.

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NUMB. CVIII, and CIX.

A N Inhabitant of Holt, and his Wife, were both in a most miferable Condition, with a confirm'd and inveterate Itch, to that Degree, that they could obtain no Rest, Night or Day; but were both perfectly cured by drinking and washing with Holt Waters.

The Truth of the above, I have heard attested by several of the Inhabitants of Holt, who have heard him frequently acknowledge it; particularly by Hannah Harding, to whom he has many times declared it.

NUMB. CX.

William Baker, of Farmborough, in the County of Somerset, aged about twenty, being Hydropical, and very much swell'd in his Legs and Thighs, came to Holt in the Month of March, and the Waters carried off the Humours, and freed

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freed him from his Complaints in three Months.

Witness, Elizabeth Sparks, of Holt.

NUMB. CXI.

I Samuel Allen, of Temple-Street, Bristol, do hereby Certify, That my Daughter, Martha Allen, having taken Mercury not well prepared, it had such an ill Effect upon her, that she broke out in Pustules in her Face, especially about her Lips and Eyes, in a very grievous manner, for above a Year; when, applying to the Holt Waters, she received a perfect Cure in six Months. Witness my Hand, this 29th of Fan. $17\frac{30}{31}$.

Samuel Allen.

NUMB. CXII.

I James Silby, of Bradford, in the County of Wilts, was afflicted with the King's-Evil in the Pit of my Stomach, to a violent Degree, and could find no Relief, till I applied to the Use

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Use of the Holt Waters; when, by drinking and washing my Wounds with them, during two Months, I was perfectly cured. Witness my Hand this 24th Day of Feb. 1730.

Fames Silby.

Witness, Francis Roche, at the Swan in Troubridge.

N.B. The Distemper was occasioned by a Bruise, and the Waters were drank at Bradford.

I presume, these undoubted Evidences of such mighty Cures performed, together with the general good Character these Waters have obtained from all that have ever drank of them, will get the Better of all private Resentments, and Affectation of Novelty; and that I shall have the Pleasure of seeing them perfectly Established in Reputation, for the Good of Mankind, and the Benefit of the Proprietor.

I could have given a long List of Cures performed, and Benefit received.

by the Use of these Waters in London, notwithstanding most of the Water-Drinkers, and their Cases, are unknown to me; but as Persons of Fortune and Estate, have been only able to bear the Expence of drinking them in London, I would not presume to mention their Names, contenting myself in observing a sew particular Cases, and pointing out other Cures personmed from the Wells, which will sufficiently prove their Efficacy in Town.

And as a farther Proof of these Waters keeping and retaining their Virtues when well Cork'd and Seal'd, it may be observed, that most of the Persons mention'd to be cur'd from the Wells, carried the Water Home in wooden Casks, and drew it out of the Casks as they had occasion for it. Others, in large Wicker

Bottles, which they likewise emptied as their Cases required.

Lest the Patient, on my recommending these Waters as stronger when reduced by Evaporation, should think it advisable to drink them altogether so reduced, and no Part raw, I desire

it may be observed, that it is only when the Stomach is too weak to receive raw Water, sufficient to conquer the Distemper. That I advise the reducing Part of the prescrib'd Quantity by Evaporation, and then to reserve, at least, a Pint, or rather a Pint and half to be drank raw, in the Afternoon; the reduc'd Quantity being taken in the Morning. And in very obstinate Cases, I would advise, the reducing three Pints to a Pint and half for the Morning Drinking; not failing to drink a Quart, or Pint and half raw in the Afterwhen it comes cold from the incon

And here it may be of Use to publish some curious Reslections on the Boiling these Waters, which I received from the Reverend Mr. Lewis.

'The Method you mention, as practis'd in Town, of Boiling the Waters, is what I cannot readily come into. It may do very well in fome Cases, and particularly where the Prime Vie want Cleanfing. But 'tis not good to hurry Things,

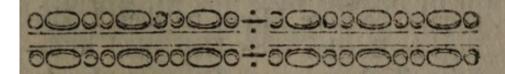
Things, especially where the Crasis of the Blood and Humours is to be alter'd. And as Chronical Difeafes grow upon us by Degrees, and gather Strength by little and · little, fo they are regularly to be carried off in the fame manner as ' they came on, by gradual and gentle ' Steps. Besides, by the strong Heat ' in Boiling, the Mineral Particles are very much encreas'd in their Bulk, and alter'd in their Texture. For, s as Nature, which is always the wisest and most perfect Operator, · has prepared this Noble Medicine; · when it comes cold from the Well, the Mineral Parts, which are exceeding subtil and fine, swim in the · Element, duly mix'd in a just Proo portion with it, and their Specific Gravity not exceeding That of the Water: But by the Force of the Fire in Boiling, they are put into violent Motions, and by their Col-· lision, and striking against one ano-' ther, do cluster and unite together; · and after this Coalition, they become visible, and too heavy to ' fwim as before in the Fluid, being

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ing feen to fublide to the Bottom, as the Water cools. And as the · Mineral Ingredients, which impart a healing Quality to the Waters, are hereby encreas'd in their Size, and alter'd in their Texture, they cannot fo easily enter the strait · Mouths of the Latteals, or pass the fine Strainers of the Animal · Machine; and, confequently, canonot be of that Service to break ' through the Glandular Obstructions, or pursue the morbific Humours to their Excretory Outlets. This No-' tion is perhaps liable to Objections, and therefore give me Leave to support it with Experience, by affuring you, that most of the · Cures hitherto done by this Mineral Water, have been upon such as drank it cold, or at least gently warm'd.



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APPENDIX.

HEREAS there were great Complaints made last Summer, by the Water-Drinkers at Holt, on Occasion of the Foulness of the Water in the Old Well, particular Care will be taken for the future, to prevent the like Inconveniencies. The Old Well has been already cleans'd, the Foulness of which, was the chief Cause of such Complaints, it not having been cleans'd during ten Years. And in order to prevent a Scarcity of the Old Well-Water, which is generally occasioned by the extravagant Wasting of the Water by Servants, a proper Person shall be appointed to receive an Account

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count from every Gentleman and Lady, of what Quantity of Water they shall require to have Home to their Lodgings in Bottles each Day, and to deliver Tickets every Day for the defired Quantity, Gratis.

Sufficient Care will be taken that the Lodgers at the Great House, may never want Water, in Preference to all other Houses.

The Report which has been industriously spread, of the several Wells being laid together by Pipes, in such manner as to mix the Waters, and letting in New Springs, is intirely groundless, as will appear by the following Affidavits.

Hannah Harding, Sen. and Hannah Harding, of Holt, in the County of Wilts, make Oath, That there is no Communication made to convey the Water of the several Mineral Wells to each other, by Pipes, or any other Artificial Method of Conveyance whatever; nor have there been ever any New Spring, or other Supply of

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of Water, let into the Old Well, by digging, or any other Means, to our Knowledge, or Belief.

Grace + Harding, her Mark. Hannah Harding.

Jurat' xx° die Januarii, Anno Kegni Regis Georgii Secundi, nunc Mag. Britanniæ, &c. Annoq; Dom. 1730.

Coram me, T. Methuen.

N. B. Grace Harding is the present Keeper of the Wells, who hath had them under her Care ever since A. D. 1713. And Hannab Harding is her Eldest Daughter.

James Smith, of Bradford, in the County of Wilts, Plumber, having been employed by Mr. Henry Eyre, in April, Anno Dom. 1730, in laying a Pipe of Lead from the New Pump-House Well in Holt, to the Old Pump-House, doth make Oath, That the said N 3 Pipe

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Pipe has no Communication with any other Well, nor conveys any Supply of Water to the Old Well, or to any Pump besides its own.

James Smith.

Jurat' primo Die Februarii, Anno Regni Georgii Secundi, nunc Mag. Britanniæ Regis, &c. Quarto, Annoque Dom. 1730.

Coram me, T. Methuen.

Thomas Budd, of Bradford, in the County of Wilts, having been employed by Mr. Henry Eyre, in the Month of October last, to cleanse the Old Mineral-Well at Holt, do make Oath, That there appeared to me no Communication with any other Well, nor any Supply of Water, but from the Old Original Spring; nor was I employed to make any other Alteration, than to cleanse it, and pave the Bottom, in order to keep it clean. The

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The 19th Day of January, A. D. $17\frac{30}{31}$.

The Mark T. B. of Thomas Budd.

Jurat' coram me,

T. Methuen.

I fonathan Richmond, of Hilperton, in the County of Wilts, Mason, the Person employ'd in making the Mineral Wells at Holt, having this Day inspected the Old Well, find no Communication has been made from any other Well, nor any Supply of Water thereto, but from the Original Spring; and hereof I make Oath, this nineteenth Day of January, A. D. $17\frac{30}{31}$.

The Mark T. of Jonathan Richmond.

Jurat' coram me,

T. Methuen,

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London, ff.

Henry Eyre, Master of the Mineral Wells at Holt, make Oath, That there has been no Communication made between all, or any of the several Mineral Wells at Holt; nor any New Spring, nor any other Supply of Water, let into any of the said Mineral Wells, since they have been under my Management and Direction; nor at any Time before, to my Knowledge, or Belief.

Henry Eyre.

Jurat' 23º Die Martii, 1730.

Coram me, Wm. Billers.

To these Testimonies, I shall subjoyn the Copy of a Letter from the Reverend Mr. Lewis of Holt, to a Gentleman in Town, in Answer to some Queries relating to the Holt Wells.

SIR,

Y Ours is with me, and the Receipt of it should have been sooner acknow-ledged, had not ill Health denied me the Satis-

Satisfaction of writing. I am furpriz'd at the Account you give me, of the Report which is current in Town, concerning the Mineral Wells at Holt; nor can I easily conceive whence such a Su-Spicion should arise, that the Waters of the Old Well are injured by the Mixture of other Waters, supposed by some fecret Conveyance to have a Communication with them. I am fully satisfied, and can with Confidence affirm, That, such a Surmise is perfettly groundless; and, I hope, you will believe me, when I assure you, that the Wells are all distinct, and have no Communication by subterranean Pipes, or any other Artificial Method, with each other. And in particular, that (I believe) the Old Well has no other Supply, but from the Original Spring; so that its Waters are to be had Pure and Genuine, and are at present very plentiful, and perfeetly fine.

Not that I do believe the Waters of the Old Well to be so much superior to the other Wells, as is commonly imagined. I am of Opinion, they are pretty much alike in their Virtues and Qualities, and have no such Difference, as

to justify the extravagant Preference that is given to That Well, beyond the rest. That indeed has been mostly made Use of, and, consequently, bath furnished the greatest Number of Cures; and People who are diseased, do with Reason chuse that Water which has done some Notable Cure, in a Case that resembles their own; by which Means, the other Wells being less used, are outdone by the Old Well in the Number of Cures. I own, when I have Occasion to apply to the Waters, I chuse to drink of the Old Well, if it is to be had; but if that Water fails, as it frequently doth, towards the End of Summer, I make no Scruple of taking my Glass from one of the other Pumps, as being fully persuaded they have a Mineral Virtue in them, perhaps equal, at least, not much inferior, to the Old Well. I am,

SIR,

Your very humble and obedient Servant,

Dec. 21, 1730. J. LEWIS.

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The feveral Cures performed by the New Wells, viz. Numb. 37, 63, 64, 70, 90, 91, 92, 95, 97, 101, and the feveral Chymical Experiments that follow, may be enough to take off the Prejudices which have been too industriously rais'd against them for private Ends.

And for the further Satisfaction of the Publick, I have added a Copper-Plate, shewing the Situation and Distance of the several Wells, and in what manner the Pipes are laid, that convey the Water from the several Wells, to their respective Pumps.

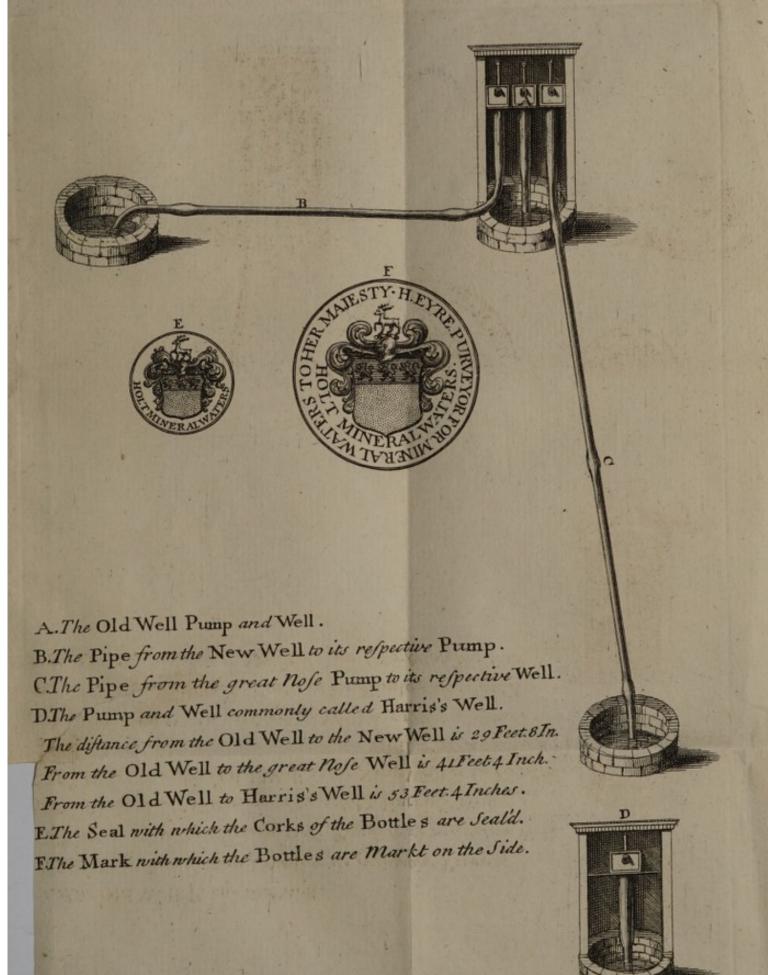


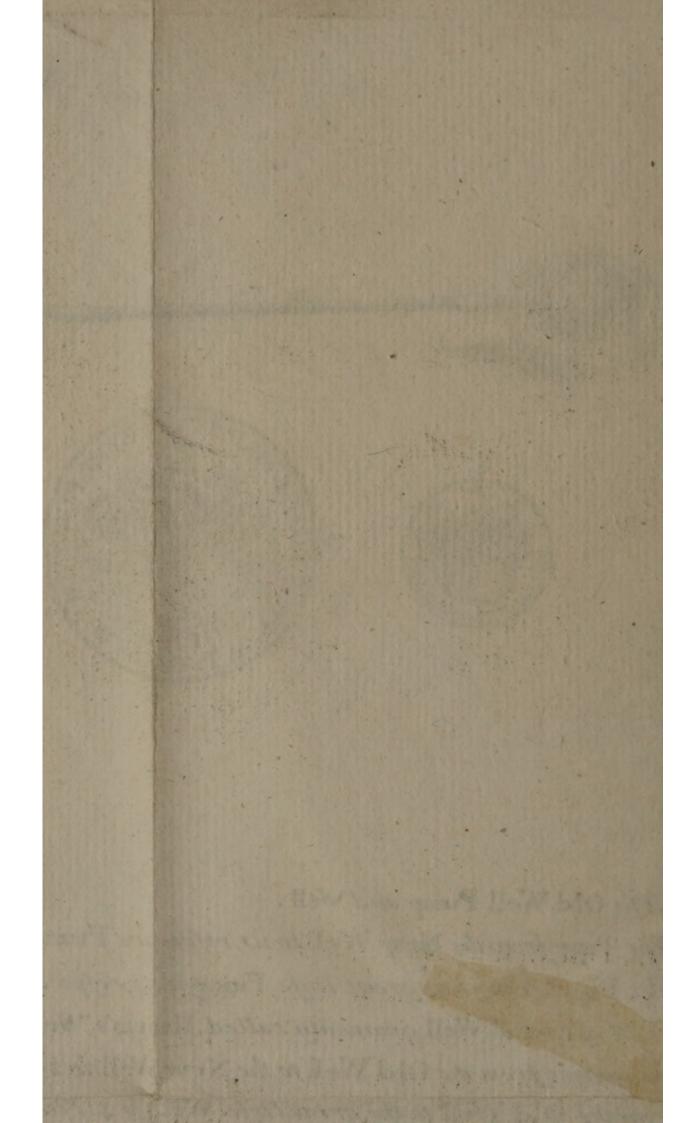
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The Water of all the above Wells, is likewise of equal Weight, viz. heavier than common Water, by four Grains in two Ounces; and they curdle Milk when boil'd with the Waters.

Mineral Wells at Holt.

Experiments on the feveral





In the Year 1720, Mr. Harris, Apothecary in Bradford, having Possession of one of the Mineral Wells, commonly distinguish'd by the Name of Harris's Well, published the following Paper, giving an Account of three remarkable Cures performed by the Waters of the said Wells, and promising a printed List of other great Cures wrought by the same. The Paper is as follows:

" At Holt, in the Parish of Brad-66 ford, is found out another Purging " Mineral Spring, much stronger than " the former (that is, than the Old " Well.) It has lately cured Mrs. " Elizabeth Orchard, of Devizes, of "two Old Ulcers in her Legs, of " several Years standing. Elizabeth of Ashley, of North-Bradley, in the "County of Wilts, of a large foul "Ulcer upon her Ancle, of eight "Years standing. These three are only mention'd, being People that "drank a confiderable Time of the other Well, (that is, the Old Well,) without any Benefit. The Truth 66 of CICACIA

of the Premises will be attested by most of the Inhabitants of Holt, and R. Cole, one of the Persons cured."

But notwithstanding all these Proofs of the several Wells being equally Good; for the suture, no other Water than from the Old Well, will be Sold in Bottles by me, or my Agents, unless required from any particular Well, Care being taken to make a sufficient Reserve for that Purpose.

That the Publick may not be imposed upon by other Waters, instead of the True Holt Waters, the Bottles are slatted, and marked on the Side, and Sealed with the Arms of Edward Lisle, of Moyles-Court, in the County of Hants, Esq; * who is the Proprietor of all the Mineral Wells at Holt.

And as a farther Satisfaction, any Person may try the Waters, by

* Vid. The Copper-Plate.

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either, or all, of the Six foregoing Experiments; all which, can't fail of giving Satisfaction to the most Cautious.



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THE Trade of Mineral Waters being scattered into many Hands, most of which having but little Demand for them, it has hereby frequently happened, that the Waters were not Fresh and Good, to the great Disappointment of the Physians who prescribed them, and the Injury of the Patients that drank them. The Consideration of this, and that it would be Business sufficient for any one Person, if duly encouraged, to make the Sale of Mineral Waters his only Business, for which End and Purpose, I chose to employ myself intirely in the Sale of Mineral Waters, which soon met with great Encouragement from Her Majesty's most gracious Favour, in appointing me Her Purveyor for Mineral Mineral Waters, and from many of the Eminent Physicians recommending their Patients to my Warehouse.

And as I shall continue to take particular Care to have the Foreign Waters as fresh and frequent as the distant Situation of the Places will admit, and particularly, to have the best Spaw-Water, I have settled a Correspondence at the Place, to have my Water from the best Spring, which all Dealers are not willing to be at the Expence of, fo I shall take the fame Caution to have our own Mineral Waters fresh and good, viz. those of Holt, Bath and Bristol, by Waggons, every Saturday, which return from the Bell-Savage-Inn on Ludgate - Hill, to Holt, Bath and Bristol, every Monday Morning, by Six o'Clock, and carry Goods or Passengers at Reasonable Rates.

The True Holt-Waters are Sold at the following Places, viz. At my Warehouse within Temple-Bar.

Hampstead, at Mr. Hardy's, an Apothecary.

Oxford,

Oxford, by Mr. Eldridge, the Bath and Bristol Carrier.

Cambridge, by Mr. Lardner, Apo-

thecary.

Bath, by Mr. Wiltshire, at the Bear-Inn.

Winchester, by Mr. Henry Cuel.

Southampton, by Mr. Campion, Apothecary.

Reading, by Mr. Heycock, Apothe-

cary.

Salisbury, by Mr. Stillingsleet. Chichester, by Mr. William Hardham.

N. B. The Holt Waters are Sold in BRISTOL, by Mr. Daniel Pill, near St. Peter's Pump, where any Perfon may be conveniently supplied, either Wholesale or Retale, to most Parts of England.

Such Holt Waters as may be Sold at any of the Places above, except by the above-mention'd Perfons, are not to be depended on as Genuine.

The Prices of these Waters at each Place, are in Proportion to their Distance from the Wells.

As feveral Persons have sent Orders from the Country, without ordering I have lost several small Sums of Money; Therefore, for the suture, no Water will be delivered for the Country, unless Payment be ordered at the same Time; and when Orders are given in Town, it is desired that the Money be paid at the giving the Order, I Selling for Ready Money only.

And for a further Inducement for Persons to buy Bristol Waters of me, please to observe the following Caution given by the Masters of the Bristol Hot Well, which, doubtless, they had good Reason for publishing, and the Advertisement given by

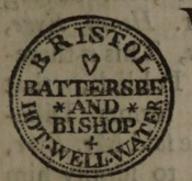
them in my Favour.

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And as I am likewise under a considerable Obligation, to Sell no Bristol Water, but from Messieurs Battersby and Bishop, their True Original Spring at the Holt Wells, the Virtues of which have been sufficiently experienced, such True Bristol Water may the more particularly be depended on from me.

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Hereas the Publick
has of late been
much imposed on by false
and spurious Waters,
instead of the True Bristol Hot Well Water,

yet pretended to be the same, and in order to prevent, in some measure, the like Abuse for the future; We John Battersbe, and William Bishop, Masters of the Bristol Hot Well, do bereby give Notice, That all Bottles of Water Sealed otherwise than according to the Impression here affixed, were never filled at our Spring; and any Person ordering Waters from us, may, if desired, have a Certificate of its Genuineness sent with it, Signed by our own Hands. And it is desired, That such Persons as give Orders to their Friends and Correspondents here, to procure the Said Waters for them, would order such a Certificate therewith.

Whereas there has been for a confiderable Time past, an Advertisement published in the Daily Journal, Signed by us, tending to dis-

discourage all Persons from buying Bristol Waters of Mr. Henry Eyre, of Fleet-Street, London, This is therefore to inform the Publick, that notwithstanding any former Difference betwixt us and the faid Mr. Eyre, we have lately agreed to supply him with our True and Genuine Bristol Water: And as a further Confirmation that what he shall Sell is such, printed Receipts will be from Time to Time fent him, Signed by our Hands, which may be produced to fuch as are scrupulous.

John Battersbe, 7 Masters of the William Bishop, & Bristol Hot Well.

That all Persons may depend on their Servants, or Porters coming for Mineral Waters to my Warehouse, be pleased to order them to ask for the List of Mineral Waters I Sell, which will be delivered Gratis to fuch as require it, and is as follows; and for the further Satisfaction, will be Dated when delivered.

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Mineral Waters Sold by Henry Eyre, Purveyor for Mineral Waters to Her Majesty, at his Water-Warehouse in Fleet-Street, near Temple-Bar:

Holt, at — 10 s. per Doz.

Bath, — 7 s. 6 d. per Doz.

Ditto — 4 s. per half Doz.

Bristol, — 6 s. per Doz.

German Spaw, 14 s. per Doz.

Pyrmont, — 14 s. per Doz.

N. B. For the Conveniency of such as live near St. James's, I constantly deliver Bath and Bristol Waters to be Sold by Mr. Broders, at his Tea-Shop in Duke-Street, St. James's.

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