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Of the diseases of Children.

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of Ulcers and sores in Childrens heads.



Children are many times troubled with running sores and ulcers in their head, both when they suck, and when they be weaned.

The cause.

The cause hereof are excrementitious humors thin and sharp, or they proceed from a mixt humour, partly thin and sharp, and partly thick and melancholy and altogether salt and nitrous; from whence these ulcers and sores look sometimes white, sometimes red, sometimes yellow, and sometimes black, alwayes salt and fretting whereby they cause itching, and from thence they are forced often to scratch. Now these humours are gathered together, or produced partly in the womb from the impurity of the mothers blood, whereby the infant is nourished; partly from the vitiousnesse or corruption of the milk, whereby the infants are nourished either from the mother or nurse.

The signs are Manifest.

These sores and ulcers if they be but gentle and easie are judged